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THE PEACE CONFERENCE

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He is Summoned to Fortress Monroe by Secretary Seward.

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They Are Not to be Seduced Into Peace.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 2.

Secretary SEWARD, early this morning, telegraphed the President from Fortress Monroe, that his presence was needed immediately. Upon receipt of this dispatch, the President proceeded in a special car to Annapolis, where a Government vessel was awaiting to convey him to Fortress Monroe. Speculation is rife as to the meaning of this departure of the President to confer with the rebel Commissioners. Many infer that it is preliminary to peace; others, again, who are well informed, believe that the entire affair will end, for the present, in no adjustment of our national difficulties.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 2.

At 11 o'clock this morning, President LINCOLN left Washington by a special train for ANNAPOLIS, at which place he arrived at 2 P. M., and embarked on the steamer *Thomas Colyer* for Fortress Monroe, which place he will reach at 1 to-morrow morning.

Information received from Fortress Monroe to-night states that the Southern Commissioners on Tuesday morning were on board Gen. GRANT's dispatch-boat, the *Mary Martin*, awaiting the President's order as to whether they should proceed to Washington.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 2.

The *Star* has issued an extra in regard to the movements of President LINCOLN. It says:

"To-day, at 11 o'clock, President LINCOLN left Washington by a special train, for Annapolis, for the purpose, it is understood, of joining Secretary SEWARD at Fortress Monroe or City Point, to hold an interview with the rebel deputation, Messrs. A. H. STEPHENS, R. M. T. HUNTER, and JOHN A. CAMPBELL.

President LINCOLN took his departure in a special car drawn by engine No. 18, which was placed upon the road at a few moments' notice, by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

The President was accompanied by only one of the attaches of the White House.

From the fact of the President going to Fortress Monroe or City Point, color is given to the report that the rebel deputation have been allowed to enter our lines, and it is understood that they are now at Fortress Monroe."

BALTIMORE, Thursday, Feb. 2.

A special to the *American*, from Annapolis, says that President LINCOLN, accompanied only by a servant, arrived here and left at one o'clock on the steamer *Colyer*, for Fortress Monroe.

FROM THE ARMY LINES.

Arrival and Reception of the Commissioners at Gen. Grant's Headquarters.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Wednesday, Feb. 1.

The announcement that the rebel Peace Commissioners had arrived within our lines, and had gone to Washington, although premature, was not without foundation in fact.

On Sunday a flag of truce appeared on the line near the centre, and, being answered, it was found to be a request, in pursuance of an understanding with Mr. BLAIR and Gen. GRANT for permission to the following-named gentlemen to pass to Gen. GRANT's headquarters: Lieut.-Col. HATCH, Assistant Adjutant-General and Exchange Commissioner, ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS, R. M. T. HUNTER and J. A. CAMPBELL.

Col. SAMUEL HARRIMAN, commanding the First Brigade of the First Division of the Ninth Corps, received the communication and forwarded it to the headquarters. Owing to Gen. GRANT's absence from City Point, no reply could be sent immediately, but the matter was referred to Washington, and after several communications had passed between our authorities and the commissioners, the permission was granted, and a deputation, consisting of Col. BABCOCK, of Gen. GRANT's Staff, Col. HARRIMAN, Col. LYDON, of Gen. PARKER' Staff, and Capt. BRACKETT, of Gen. WILCOX's Staff, were appointed to meet the gentlemen and escort them within our lines. The deputation reached the appointed place just before sunset yesterday, and were soon joined by Mr. STEPHENS and his companions; and, after a few minutes spent in the interchange of civilities, the party came within our lines, at which moment the troops on both sides united in a simultaneous cheer, which seemed to give them greater confidence than they had before exhibited.

They were escorted to the railroad in carriages, where a special train was in waiting to convey them to City Point. A large crowd of soldiers was here assembled anxious to get a glimpse of the strangers, and when the train started loud cheers again greeted them. On arriving at City Point they were taken to Gen. GRANT's headquarters, where they spent the night.

Messrs. STEPHENS and CAMPBELL looked much emaciated and careworn; but Mr. HUNTER appeared to be hale and hearty, as did Col. HATCH. The latter conducted the negotiations in his usual agreeable and happy manner.

The only allusion made to our difficulties was the hope expressed by Mr. STEPHENS to Col. HARRIMAN, on bidding him good-bye, *that they would soon meet under happier auspices.*

Their Arrival at City Point.

BALTIMORE, Thursday, Feb. 2.—Noon.

The *American's* Annapolis correspondent has just telegraphed the arrival of the steamer *Lady Long* from City Point, which place she left Wednesday noon. She reports that the rebel commissioners were then there on board a steamer, and it was understood that they were awaiting the arrival of some one from Washington.

PEACE TALK IN RICHMOND.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 2.

From files of Richmond papers of Tuesday, at the Washington office of the Philadelphia *Inquirer*, we extract as follows:

From the Richmond Enquirer, Jan. 31.

We should try and possess our souls with equanimity until the three worthy gentlemen who have gone to Washington return to Richmond. We are not of those that believe that peace talk and peace missions tend to demoralize the army. We do not believe that the gallant soldiers who have braved the storms of battle for three years, are likely to be demoralized by peace talk; but, on the contrary, we think it likely to do much good for our people to understand, in an authoritative manner, from men like Vice-President STEPHENS, Senator HUNTER and Judge CAMPBELL, the exact degree of degradation to which the enemy would reduce us by reconstruction. We believe that the so-called missions of these gentlemen will teach our people that the terms of the enemy are nothing less than unconditional surrender; that though paper guarantees and Yankee pledges for and about slavery may be freely offered, yet they will be accompanied with the "Constitution as it is;" that is, with the *power of amendment in the hands of our enemy, which in a week after our submission may obliterate every guarantee and strike slavery out of existence in every State.* Thus people of these States, after four years of glorious war, will be left to an eternity of shameful slavery, the memory of our noble dead disgraced, and the future of our living embittered by the knowledge that in one hour they had sold their liberty and bartered away the glory of their heroic struggle for the consideration of which Yankee cunning had cheated them. This is reconstruction, and this is what it will amount to, no matter what pledges and guarantees may be offered to seduce the people to lay down their arms. Any termination of this war that does not secure our liberty and independence is a failure, and a disgraceful and ruinous failure. On our part, any sacrifice which secures liberty and independence will be cheap when compared with the ruinous consequences of reconstruction. Better go down fighting; better be subjugated and conquered, than live to recollect that we brought our ruin upon our heads by deceptive reconstruction. These missions should encourage our people to renewed efforts, and nerve them to future conflict. *They show us that we have brought the enemy to consider peace*, which at no previous time during the last four years would he even stop to talk about. Heretofore his language has been, no parley with rebellion, no terms with traitors. But now he sends one, two and three missions, and has permitted Mr. STEPHENS and others to come to Washington, whom three years ago he turned back at Fortress Monroe. Here is a considerable change, a great improvement in the manners of the enemy. Notwithstanding our recent reverses, he has learned enough to make him, at least, polite and decorous. He may not have learned wisdom enough to understand that peace can only be obtained upon our terms; but his condition in this respect is one of improvement. Gen. LEE has brought about this degree of improvement; and if the country and its authorities will only sustain and strengthen him, by next Fall we shall see a still greater improvement of manners, as well as of prospects of an early peace. While, therefore, these gentlemen are going to and fro between Richmond and Washington, talking of peace, let us all turn our attention to war, and to seek to bring back absentees, and to send to the front every man that belongs to the army. Let Congress take measures that shall require the badges of honor and distinction won by our soldiers in the past to be distributed, and let gallant men wear the marks of honor conferred upon them by a grateful country. These badges were provided by law long ago, but as yet we have not heard of any being distributed. Let notice be given of the day of distribution, and let all attend that can to witness the crowning of our gallant defenders. Nothing contributes more to keep up and increase the morale of the army than public recognition of distinguished gallantry. A simple blue ribbon worn in the button hole will serve to recall men to duty and do more to prevent desertion than the strictest discipline. This matter of distinctive badges has been too long neglected. It should be immediately attended to. Let peace talk exhaust itself, we shall be none the worse off if we suffer not our efforts to flag and our spirits to fail.

From the Richmond Sentinel, Jan. 31.

We are much gratified to publish to-day additional evidences of the sentiment which animates our soldiers. These brave men are at once the inspiration of our own people and the terror of our enemies. The privations and hardships of soldier life are as powerless to subdue their spirits and unsettle their souls, as the embattled array of foe to break their lines. Victorious over themselves no less than over the enemy, their patriotism and virtue, their courage and fortitude, are proof against every temptation and superior to every trial. The country will take new confidence and catch new spirit from the words of manliness and devotion to liberty and independence which come up from the army, and the world will conceive new admiration for the noble men who perform the double work of meeting their country's enemies in the field, and cheering the people at home. To these declarations from the army we will add some words from one of the army's most distinguished leaders. We do not feel at full liberty to call his name, *but if a soldier who is disposed to guess were to name the General whom he most loves and confides in, or if citizens were to designate the chieftain for whom he offered thanks to God, he would not be far astray.* The eminent soldier to whom we refer said, on a recent occasion, that he was "not insensible to our reverses and trials, but that he was, nevertheless, not only hopeful but confident. Any compromise of our struggle," he further remarked, "would prove only a truce or armistice, and would be an unmanly shrinking from present duty, that would entail upon our children untold disaster." These are the words at once of cheer and of warning. Our "safety and our independence are within reach of manly and patriotic effort. Of that we may feel not only hopeful but confident. Then let us tax our energies anew. Let us summon afresh all our strength, all our wisdom, and all our enthusiasm, and consecrate them with increased ardor to the cause of our country and its liberties; and let us take care lest *through any weak longing for the close of the war* we betray in any degree the cause for which we have dared and endured and accomplished and suffered so much. Let us keep clearly in view the independence to maintain which we drew the sword, and listen to no suggestion for its compromise as the price of peace. Such a peace would indeed be but a hollow truce and an uneasy armistice. There can be no permanent peace where honor is compromised and where vital or important interests are placed in peril. It would be madness, it would be an unnatural cruelty, after having fought this battle nearly through, to adjourn it over for our children to begin it anew. In the tide of human events this terrible struggle has fallen to our lot. Thus far we have met it as men. Thus far we need not fear the verdict of history, and the judgment of the world. The past, at least, is secure. Shall we sacrifice all our honors through a sudden weakness now? Shall we sell the measure of our great fame for any use which may be obtained short of a full success? Shall we, by an unmanly shrinking from dangers, which we have braved for four years, leave a heritage of blood for our children for which they shall curse our memory? Let us stand firmly to our responsibilities. The road we now travel is weary, and the path is rough; but it is the way which duty and honor oblige us to tread, and to shrink from it would be treachery to ourselves and posterity. *The time when movements for peace should commence to be agitated has always been looked to by the considerate citizen as that at which our principal danger would begin.* The roar of conflict rouses manly instincts and steadies the nerves, but the faintest prospect of peace begets weariness of the fatigues and discomforts of war, and a longing after repose, that sometimes betrays men to their ruin, or entails disaster upon their children. They begin painfully to count their toils and estimate their hardships, which they have before borne with patience and even enthusiasm. We trust the people of the Confederate States will show themselves sufficiently intelligent to escape this peril. We hope their purpose will remain firm, and their demands fixed, and resolve steadily. The terrors of war have not intimidated them. Let not the blandishments of peace seduce them. Let us not, through any impatience, nor any giving way of our courage and breaking down of our virtue, so much as entertain the slightest thought that look like in the least degree lower than our unqualified independence. Our soldiers are speaking out as becomes their fame and merit. Let us have no unmanly shrinking anywhere. We want a permanent, stable, honorable peace; one that shall be a blessing to our children, and not a cheat, a snare, a mere truce or armistice, such as the compromise of our present struggle would infallibly prove. We have extended these remarks to their present length, *lest the missions between this Capital and Washington should enfeeble us with injudicious expectations.* So far from relaxing an energy, we should stand doubly firm and be doubly active. Congress should make noble and becoming response to the occasion by the prompt passage of every measure that looks to a more vigorous prosecution of the war. For negotiation or for conflict armed preparation is equally necessary. The Winter is nearly over, SHERMAN is again in motion, and Congress still debates. Let us have action, organization and preparations here and everywhere, and our country should resound with the din of diligent preparation for the work that is before us—nay, upon us. *A word to the Virginia Legislature.* Virginia is threatened with the combined efforts of the enemy. *His great armies are making a new hunt against us.* Why engage in long debate over what you should offer or authorize your Government to offer to assist in defending you? You have implicit confidence in Gen. LEE, the leader of an army of defence. He is the son of the Commonwealth you represent. Why not, in effect, say to him: "Land is before you; whatever you can use call for or take; take it by the nearest method; it is all dedicated to the defence of the Commonwealth and the Confederacy; men, provisions, money, all." No man will have a fear. Every man will sleep more soundly, for such an offering and such a law.

From the Richmond Dispatch, Jan. 31.

Messrs. STEPHENS, HUNTER and CAMPBELL, the Confederate Peace Commissioners, who left here on Sunday morning, for Washington City, stopped Sunday night in Petersburgh, whence they went through the lines to City Point, yesterday morning. They left our lines in Gen. BUSHROD JOHNSON's front. As they were making the transit their character and the objects of their mission became known, *when our troops set up such a cheering as never was heard before, and continued it until the commissioners were out of sight* and well within the Yankee lines, when the clamor was immediately caught up by the Yankee troops, who cheered and hurrahed until they were hoarse, and amidst the deafening shouts of the two armies, the commissioners went on their way. The next we hear of them will be through the Yankee papers.

THE REBEL CONGRESS.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE IN THE REBEL HOUSE.

In the Confederate House of Representatives on Monday, Mr. DEJARNETTE offered a resolution, which was unanimously referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, saying the time may not be distant when the Confederate States will be prepared to unite on the basis of independence of the Confederate States with those most interested in the vindication of the principles of the Monroe doctrine, to the exclusion of all seeming violations of those principles on the continent of North America.

Mr. MACKLIN introduced a preamble and resolutions setting forth that it is reported that the Federal authorities in Nashville are practicing most barbarous treatment on our prisoners, curtailing their diet to hard tack and water, and treating them in such manner as to cause their death by degrees; and instructing the Special Committee on the Exchange of Prisoners to inquire and report upon said complaints. The resolutions were adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE PIRATE TALLAHASSEE.

From the Richmond Dispatch, Jan. 31.

The enemy's newspapers have falsely reported the *Tallahassee* as captured. She ran into New Inlet just after the capture of Fort Fisher, when discovering that some important change, he knew not then what, had occurred in the military situation, her commander, Capt. MAFFIT, put to sea and made good his escape. He touched the South Carolina coast, and put ashore a messenger with dispatches, who has reached this city. The news, if any, brought by the messenger, has not been made public.

GOLD.

From the Richmond Dispatch, Jan. 31.

Gold on Saturday morning opened at 47, and ran up as high as 52; but the news of the appointment of the peace commissioners sent it down rapidly, and considerable amounts were sold as low as 42.

Gold was stiff, yesterday, at 45.

FROM SHERIDAN'S ARMY.

Rebel Deserters—A Better Class of Men—A Cavalry Reconnoissance—Sixty Prisoners Captured.

WINCHESTER, Va., Monday, Jan. 30, 1865.

Straggling deserters from the rebel ranks continue to come in, but they bring no news worth recording, more than what has been told over and over again. One fact, however, is noticed recently, that a different class of men have been coming into our lines during the last six weeks, than heretofore. A majority of the deserters now are not only native born Southerners, but many of them men of standing at home, and owners of property, who, either acting upon principle or influenced by interest, have heretofore taken part, cordially, with the Confederate movement, and staked their all upon the seductive inducement of final success. In this view of the case, the class or kind of men who are now daily coming within our lines becomes, not only an interesting matter for consideration, but an important fact, as showing demoralization among a portion of the people within the rebel lines, whom no flimsy pretexts, or false prophecy, on the part of Confederate leaders, who have everything to lose and nothing to gain, can longer deceive. Some allowance must be made, when considering their statements as to the condition and prospects of the cause in which they have been actively engaged, as it would be nothing unnatural for them to exaggerate a little as to the demoralization of the people in an effort to bring as good news as possible to Union men, and thereby not only gain their good will, but as a kind of gratification for the advancement of the cause. But nevertheless all agree that there is no hope of success, and believing such to be the case, they hasten to do the next best thing, (in their opinion,) and that is to accept the terms of reconciliation offered them by the President of the United States.

Dr. RICHARDS, Surgeon of the Seventh Michigan Cavalry, has so far recovered from his recent injuries received by the fall of a horse, that he starts to-day for home on a leave of absence.

A detachment of cavalry, under Lieut.-Col. HASTINGS, Fifth Michigan, returned last night, from a reconnoissance in the vicinity of the Iron Furnace, Cumberland Valley. A portion of ROSSER's cavalry was encountered, and after a brief skirmish, twenty-three rebels were captured. There were only a few casualties.

E. A. PAUL.

NEW-JERSEY.

SUPPOSED INFANTICIDE.—The body of a female infant was found yesterday morning in the vestibule of the dwelling No. 197 York-street. Medical examination showed that it had recently been born alive. The infant had on no clothing, but was wrapped up in a piece of an old shawl. Coroner FARREL took charge of the body, and will hold an inquest to-day.

BOARD OF ENROLLMENT.—The Board of Enrollment for the Fifth Congressional District will hold a session at the Court-house, in Hudson City, Feb. 8, 9 and 10, to hear claims for exemption, based on alienage, over and under age, and permanent physical disability.

Philadelphia Stock Board.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Feb. 2.

Stocks heavy. Pennsylvania State Fives, 92½; Reading Railroad, 51¾; Morris Canal, 90; Pennsylvania Railroad, 61; Gold, 205. Sight Exchange on New-York at par.

THIRTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 2.

MEDALS FOR INDIAN CHIEFS.

The chair laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Interior, asking for an appropriation of five thousand dollars for the purchase of medals for Indian chiefs. Also, a communication from the same source, asking for an appropriation of $4,771 63, to pay for Indian supplies lost on a steamboat burned at St. Louis a few months since.

THE CASE OF COL. NORTH.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, (Union,) presented a resolution calling upon the Secretary of War for the publication of the record of the court-martial in the case of Col. NORTH. Which was objected to.

A TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE INDIAN COUNTRY.

Mr. POMEROY, of Kansas, (Union,) offered a bill to provide a Territorial Government for what is known as the Indian country.

The introduction of the bill was objected to, and it lies over.

PROTECTION OF EMIGRANTS.

Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, (Union,) from the Finance Committee, reported back the bill introduced by him lately for the protection of emigrants coming to this country, which was ordered to be printed.

THE FIRE AT THE SMITHSONIAN.

Mr. FOOTE, of Vermont, (Union,) offered a concurrent resolution, instructing the Committee on Public Buildings of both Houses to examine jointly into the causes of the fire at the Smithsonian Institute, the loss sustained, and the legislation necessary to prevent similar accidents in future.

The resolution was adopted.

THE QUOTA OF RHODE ISLAND.

Mr. ANTHONY, of Rhode Island, (Union,) offered a resolution calling upon the Secretary of War for information concerning the quota of Rhode Island for the impending draft.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. SUMNER, of Mass., (Union)—I wish to call up a resolution, offered by me yesterday, about certain peace commissioners, to which the Senator from Maryland offered an amendment. We ought to act upon it immediately.

Mr. TRUMBULL—I shall object if it will give rise to any discussion. The unfinished business of the morning hour is the resolution offered by me yesterday about the exclusion of the electoral vote of certain States.

Mr. SHERMAN—I am inclined to think it will give rise to discussion, as the amendment of the Senator from Maryland alters the resolution of the Senator from Massachusetts somewhat, and he will wish to speak on the subject.

Mr. SUMNER—I will not transcend a minute in what I may say. I will give the Senator from Maryland five times as long to explain his amendment.

Mr. DOOLITTLE—There are other Senators here who feel as much interest as the Senator from Massachusetts and the Senator from Maryland, in this matter. They desire to say something; I desire to say something myself.

Mr. TRUMBULL, of Ill. (Union)—Then it is manifest that it will give rise to discussion. I therefore object to its being taken up just now, and I move to take up the unfinished business of the morning hour.

THE ELECTORAL VOTE OF STATES IN REBELLION.

So the resolution declaring that the electoral vote of certain States which have been in rebellion shall not be counted for the election of President and Vice-President was taken up. The question before the Senate was on the amendment of Mr. TEN EYCK to strike out Louisiana from the list of States whose votes shall not be counted.

Mr. HARRIS, of New-York, (Union,) denied the right of Congress to throw out of the Electoral College the vote of any State.

Mr. DOOLITTLE, of Wisconsin, (Union,) argued in favor of waiving the question involved in the resolution. This had been done before in the case of Wisconsin, in 1856. The electors were unable to reach Washington in time to cast the vote, owing to a heavy snow storm. It was known that the vote of Wisconsin would not affect the result, and the President of the Joint Convention of Congress gave no opinion as to the constitutionality or unconstitutionality of throwing out the vote of that State, because it was not necessary to express any opinion on the subject. So in this case it was best to express no opinion.

Mr. HALE, of New Hampshire, (Union,) was opposed to counting the votes of the States named. Suppose the result of the late election depended upon the vote of Tennessee, Arkansas and Louisiana, as it was thought at one time it might, would the party against which the votes of these States were cast have submitted? Certainly not. It would have produced a second revolution and deluged the North with blood. Mr. HALE argued the constitutional right of Congress to pass the resolution before the Senate. The vote of the State of New-York was not counted in the first electoral college for President when GEORGE WASHINGTON was elected. It was not manifest what the cause of this was; but he alluded to the fact to show that the present was not the first instance in which an electoral vote was omitted.

Mr. DOOLITTLE contended that Congress had not the right to decide this question; that it must be decided by the President of the Senate, as President of this Joint Convention in which the vote is announced.

Mr. DOOLITTLE opposed this. He held that the President of the Senate did not count the vote, but announced the result when counted. Had we no right to exclude the vote of a State with whose people it was a violation of the laws of war to trade? The State of Louisiana was in rebellion against the Government. If the doctrine contended for by the opponents of the bill before the Senate were to prevail, and the war was to continue for four years, what is to hinder the States in rebellion from electing the next President? Only eight thousand out of fifty thousand votes of Louisiana voted at the election of the Legislature of Louisiana, which chose electors.

Mr. HENDRICKS, of Indiana, (Dem.,) asked if there was any provision in the Constitution of Louisiana authorizing the Legislature to choose electors.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Maryland, (Dem.,) replied that he did not think there was.

Mr. TRUMBULL, of Illinois, (Union,) said he did not believe it made but very little difference whether it did or not. He thought, however, that the State Legislature, instead of the Constitution, always prescribed the manner in which Presidential electors were to be chosen.

Mr. COLLAMER, of Vermont, (Union,) objected to the resolution. He wanted all laws made general and none made with special reference to any State. Laws ought to be made so that any State would come under their provisions in certain contingencies. He preferred a general law in this case, declaring that the people of no States, the inhabitants whereof have been declared in a state of insurrection, according to the fifth section of an act of July 13, 1861, declaring certain States to be in a state of insurrection, shall be empowered to choose Presidential electors until said condition of insurrection shall cease. He offered a provision of this kind as a substitute for the bill before the Senate.

After some remarks by Mr. JOHNSON,

Mr. COLLAMER moved as an amendment this amendment: a provision that no vote cast by the electors of any State in insurrection shall be counted.

Mr. HOWARD, of Michigan, (Union,) advocated the proposition before the Senate. He held that States in rebellion had no right to a voice in the election of President and Vice-President. He hoped the resolution would pass just as it came from the House of Representatives.

The question was further discussed by Messrs. TEN EYCK, COWAN, DAVIS and POWELL.

Mr. WADE, of Ohio, (Union,) favored a general law like that introduced by Mr. COLLAMER. Congress had passed a law at the last session to cover the subject, but the President saw fit to put it in his pocket. He did so, Mr. WADE supposed, in pursuance of a proclamation that when the people of the rebellious States laid down their arms, the States could come back into the Union, without further ceremony. This was the most dangerous proposition that could be thought of. Could one-tenth of the people of a State govern nine-tenths? Certainly not. But this was what the proclamation intended. He (WADE) had had a conversation with the Vice President elect, on this subject, and Mr. JOHNSON had expressed great fears, lest under the proclamation nine-tenths of the people of Tennessee would rise up and annihilate the one-tenth, as they would if civil government were not restored in the place of military government. Louisiana had nothing but the shadow of a civil government. Nothing but the sham semblance of a government could be had in a State till the majority of its people became loyal. Not a bit of it. The whole State was under military control. There could be no free action where military authority was supreme.

Mr. DOOLITTLE inquired if there was not freedom in the Senate, and yet where would Congress be but for the presence of the army. It had been protected by the army for nearly four years.

Mr. WADE replied that the cases were not analogous. If the army around Washington were a hostile one, then there would be no freedom in Congress. If JEFF. DAVIS had overrun Washington as the Federal army has overrun Louisiana, there would be no freedom here. It was a farce to contend that because there were a few loyal men scattered through some of the Southern States, therefore any loyal statesman could claim to represent such communities. Could it be said that there was a loyal government in Louisiana, where a loyal man can find no protection in the greater part of her territory? If we were going to count the vote of Louisiana we ought not to exclude that of South Carolina. The one had quite as much territory under the control of the Union as the other, and had as good a right to have a Legislature and a loyal Governor.

Mr. WADE was in favor of settling the question forever that the President of the United States could not declare the shadow of a State to be a State. If Louisiana had cast a vote that would have elected Gen. MCCLELLAN, would the Senate have submitted to it? Before God, if the votes of these States had been necessary to elect Mr. LINCOLN, he would rather have seen MCCLELLAN elected. He would not submit to see any man put into the White House through the instruments of such votes.

Mr. HENDERSON, of Missouri, (Union,) said some of the States that had originally seceded had by convention repealed the ordinance of secession.

Mr. WADE said he did not care if they had. The elections were all shams in these Southern States. Military power had controlled them, and the people had no voice whatever in the matter. The same communities that repealed these ordinances of secession would have done anything else they were told to do just as well.

Mr. WRIGHT, of New-Jersey, (Dem.,) at 4:30 P. M., moved to adjourn, and upon that question the yeas and nays were demanded.

The Senate refused to adjourn—yeas 16, nays 23.

Mr. SHERMAN asked leave to have the bill in relation to the duty on printing paper, and the Deficiency Bill, made the special order for to-morrow at 1 o'clock.

Mr. TRUMBULL was opposed to this. He was in favor of excluding all other business until the question now pending was settled.

Mr. SHERMAN said he believed the question now being discussed would be unsettled Wednesday morning, when the time would arrive for going into joint convention to count the vote. It had been discussed for two days, without any approximation to a close.

At the request of several Senators, Mr. SHERMAN subsequently withdrew his motion.

Mr. LANE moved the indefinite postponement of the joint resolution for the exclusion of the electoral votes of certain States.

Mr. HENDERSON moved to adjourn, and upon this question Mr. TRUMBULL demanded the yeas and nays.

The Senate again refused to adjourn by a vote of 15 yeas against 21 nays.

The question then recurred on Mr. LANE's motion to indefinitely postpone, which was decided in the negative by a vote of 12 yeas against 26 nays, as follows:

YEAS—Cowan, Doolittle, Farwell, Harding, Harlan, Harris, Howe, Lane of Indiana, Nesmith, Ten Eyck, Van Winkle, Willey—12.

NAYS—Anthony, Buckalew, Clark, Collamer, Conness, Davis, Dixon, Foster, Hale, Henderson, Howard, Johnson, Lane of Kansas, Morgan, Morrill, Nye, Powell, Sherman, Sprague, Stewart, Sumner, Trumbull, Wade, Wilkinson, Wilson, Wright—26.

At 5 P. M., on motion of Mr. WILKINSON, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 2.

REVOLUTIONARY PENSIONS.

Mr. LAW, of Indiana, (Dem.,) from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, reported a bill paying to the five surviving revolutionary soldiers a gratuity of $300, in addition to the present pension of $100 a year. The bill was unanimously passed.

THE GOLD AND SILVER LANDS.

Mr. JULIAN, of Indiana, (Union,) introduced a bill providing for a subdivision of the gold and silver lands of the United States, and for the coinage of the products thereof. The bill was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

It proposes a radical and entire change in the present policy of the Government respecting our mineral lands, and provides for vesting the fee in individual proprietors by absolute sales. Instead of retaining the title in the Government, and treating the occupants as tenants at will. It contemplates their survey and subdivision into small tracts, and fixes a minimum price upon them, graded according to size, locality and mineral value. It prohibits combinations among bidders at the public sales, and the purchase of any lands by foreigners, except those who shall have declared their intention to become citizens. It provides that actual discoverers and workers of mineral lands shall have the right to purchase them at the minimum price, and thus relieve themselves from the disadvantage of competing with rich capitalists. It limits the quantity of mineral land, which any singular purchaser may buy, to forty acres. It requires the gold and silver procured from the lands shall be coined in the mints of the United States; empowers the President to lay off the mining regions into suitable coining districts, and compels miners to have their gold and silver coined in the districts in which they are extracted. It further provides that every purchaser shall first take the oath of loyalty to the United States prescribed by law, and that the net proceeds of the sales of these lands shall be dedicated and applied to the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds of the United States.

PAY AND BOUNTY OF DECEASED SOLDIERS.

Mr. ANCONA, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) introduced a bill providing for the payment of the pay and bounty due to deceased soldiers. This was referred to the Committee on the Militia.

FREEDMEN'S BUREAU.

Mr. ELLIOTT, of Massachusetts, (Union,) made a report from the Conference Committee on the bill establishing at Washington a department for Freedmen, and abandoned rebel lands. The Commissioner and Superintendents are authorized to frame such regulations as will secure judicious treatment and protection in the enjoyment of their rights to freedmen, and secure to them and their posterity the blessings of liberty; every freedman to be treated as a freeman, with no power or control exercised over him except in conformity with law. No freedman is to be employed except under voluntary contract. There are to be two divisions for freedmen in every rebel State, each with an Assistant Commissioner, Sub-agents, &c. The President is to give all the necessary military aid to carry the act into effect. It takes from the care of the Treasury Department agents and employes, all lands and property, and places them in charge of the Commissioner of the department, to be appointed by the President, at an annual salary of $4,000.

Mr. KERNAN, of New-York, (Dem.,) opposed the bill, contending that it would not work out its benevolent designs. The freedmen will not be improved under the regulations of the officers intrusted with the administration of affairs. Some other mode of dealing with them will have to be inaugurated. He especially objected to the features of the bill which subjects civilians to military courts, and repeal the joint resolution which limits confiscation to the life estate, thus taking away the title in fee. He urged the postponement of the bill in order that it might be printed and further discussed.

Mr. ELIOT, after a conversation with the friends of the measure, who desire carefully to examine it, proposed a postponement for one week from to-day.

Mr. ELDRIDGE, of Wisconsin, (Dem.,) moved to lay the report on the table, which was disagreed to. Yeas, 67; nays, 83.

Mr. ELIOT's motion to postpone was carried.

THE ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN CANAL.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the special order, viz.: The Illinois and Michigan Canal bill. This canal is proposed as a military work to facilitate the defence of the northern frontier, and enable gunboats and vessels-of-war to pass from the Mississippi to Lake Michigan, and to promote the commerce between the different States and foreign nations. The President is empowered to deepen and enlarge the Illinois and Michigan Canal, supply the same with water from Lake Michigan, and improve the navigation of the Illinois and Des Plaines Rivers. He is authorized to contract with the State of Illinois, or with any company incorporated for that purpose, to construct the works, in aid of which five millions in bonds of the United States, payable twenty years from their date, bearing six per centum interest.

Mr. ALLISON, of Iowa, (Union,) offered an amendment, providing for the appointment of Commissioners, to survey the Upper and Lower Des Moines Rapids of the Mississippi, with a view of constructing a canal around the same, and that the Government assist by its credit to the extent of two millions of dollars.

Mr. ARNOLD, of Illinois, (Union,) said as the bill had heretofore been so thoroughly discussed he would content himself with demanding the previous question, which was seconded.

Mr. BROWN, of Wisconsin, (Dem.,) by courtesy addressed the House, saying he had seen such recklessness in plunging us into debt, that he had lost the power of being astonished at the action of this House; and now it was proposed to pledge the Government to an unlimited extent to an enterprise which is utterly impracticable. Sixty millions of dollars even would not remove the obstacles which nature has placed in the way, every dollar of which is necessary for the safety of the nation. It is now proposed to throw it away, necessitating increased taxes, already too onerous.

Mr. ARNOLD briefly replied, saying that by the provisions of the bill, the State of Illinois is required to construct the work in the manner provided before the five millions of bonds are to be delivered.

Mr. HOLMAN, of Indiana, (Dem.,) moved to lay the bill and pending amendment on the table. This was disagreed to.

Mr. ALLISON's amendment was adopted, and the bill, thus amended, passed—Yeas 77, nays 68—as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. J. C. Allen, W. J. Allen, Alley, Allison, Anderson, Arnold, Ashley, Bailey, Baldwin of Michigan, Baxter, Beaman, Blaine, Blow, Boutwell, Boyd, Brandegee, Cole, Davis of New-York, Dawes, Deming, Dixon, Donnelly, Briggs, Dumont, Eckley, Eden, Eldridge, Eliot, Farnsworth, Frank, Garfield, Gooch, Grinnell, Harris of Illinois, Higby, Hubbard of Iowa, Hubbard of Connecticut, Ingersoll, Jenckes, Julien, Kellogg of Michigan, Knapp, Knox, Littlejohn, Loan, Longyear, Marvin, McBride, McClurg, Morris of New-York, Morrison, Norton, Perham, Pomeroy, Price, Randall of Kentucky, Rice of Maine, Robinson, Rollins of New-Hampshire, Rollins of Missouri, Ross, Schenck, Scott, Shannon, Smith, Spaulding, Stronse, Stuart, Townsend, Upson, Washburne of Illinois, Whaley, Wilder, Wilson, Windom, Woodbridge, Worthington.

NAYS—Messrs. Ames, Ancona, Baldwin of Massachusetts, Blair, Biss, Broomall, Brown of Wisconsin, Brown of West Virginia, Chanler, Clay, Cobb, Cravens, Dawson, Edgerton, English, Finck, Ganson, Grider, Harding, Harrington, Harris of Maryland, Herrick, Holman, Hubbard, Hutchins, Johnson of Pennsylvania, Kalbfleisch, Kelley, Kellogg of New-York, Kernan, King, Law, Lazear, Le Blonde, Long, Mallory, McDowell, McKinney, Miller of New-York, Miller of Pennsylvania, Morrill, Morris of Ohio, A. Myers, L. Myers, Noble, Odell, O'Neil of Pennsylvania, O'Neil of Ohio, Orth, Pendleton, Perry, Pike, Pruyn, Radford, Randall of Pennsylvania, Scofield, Sloan, Smithers, Stevens, Stiles, Thomas, Wadsworth, Wheeler, J. W. White, Williams, Winfield, B. Wood, F. Wood.

THE DEFICIENCY BILL.

Mr. STEVENS, of Pennsylvania, (Union,) called up the Deficiency Appropriation Bill, and moved that the House insist on its non-concurrence in the Senate's amendment, striking out $30,000 for extra compensation to the House Clerks and employés, and asking for a Committee of Conference.

Mr. SCHENCK, of Ohio, (Union,) inquired how it was that the bill contained an appropriation for compensation and mileage for fifty-two Senators, $247,000, while for one hundred and eighty-nine Representatives the amount was only $300,006, and why $17,000 was appropriated for stationery for the Senate and only $12,000 for the House and eighty of other items, including the *Congressional Globe*.

Mr. STEVENS replied that the Committee of Ways and Means did not propose to scrutinize the Senate's estimates, but took them as true. But when the House asked for a small amount to meet its obligations out of the Contingent Fund, the Senate became curious.

Mr. STEVENS' motion was agreed to.

COLORED MAIL CARRIERS.

The House took up the Senate bill, providing that no person shall be excluded from carrying the mails on account of color, pending which

The House adjourned.

HON. H. S. FOOTE.

His Letter to the Rebel Congress.

The following letter was written by Hon. H. S. FOOTE, just before he was arrested, near Occoquan:

ON THE BANKS OF THE POTOMAC, IN SIGHT OF THE BIRTHPLACE OF WASHINGTON, Dec. 24, 1864.

Hon. Thomas S. Bocock, Speaker of the House of Representatives Confederate States:

SIR: In an hour or two, if some unforeseen impediment shall not arise to defeat the execution of my present design, I shall cross the majestic river in the neighborhood of which reposes the ashes of my forefathers for many generations past, and visit the City of Washington for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not it is practicable to obtain for the people of the Confederate States an early and an honorable peace, after the most bloody and exhausting struggle of arms which has occurred in modern times, and in all respects the most deplorable that has yet found record upon the page of history.

No human being is responsible for the movement but myself, nor should I have undertaken it, but for the notorious fact that two executive departments, at Washington and Richmond, have relations with each other which render

OUR RELATIONS WITH CANADA.

Interesting Debate in the Provincial Parliament.

The Alien Bill upon its Second Reading.

The Montreal *Herald* has the following report of the proceedings in the Legislative Assembly, Jan. 31.

Attorney-General McDONALD moved the second reading of the alien bill. He said the Government was fully sensible of the responsibility they assumed in introducing a bill of this kind, such a bill, under ordinary circumstances, could not be received with favor by a Legislature composed such as this, and influenced by such principles of action, and of the Government as obtained in the mother country; but it was because, in the opinion of the Government, the circumstances in which the country was now placed are of such an exceptional character, that they brought down this measure, and on its face it will be seen it was a bill not designed from a portion of our law permanently. It was introduced because of the present circumstances of this country, and of this continent, and it was to be hoped that ere long those unhappy circumstances would cease. The bill consisted of three portions, the first portion of it was to enable the Government, under certain conditions and restrictions, to remove from this country aliens who are coming here and seeking an asylum in consequence of war, may have in their own land by their conduct, proved themselves unworthy of that asylum. When the war now raging in the neighboring country first broke out, a considerable number of refugees came to this country, especially of the class whose sympathies were with the Southern Confederacy, although the sympathies of Canada might naturally be supposed to be with the Northern States, these unfortunate people, who have been driven from their homes, many of them ruined in their circumstances, were received here with kindness and consideration, and he was bound to say that the great body of them had shown themselves worthy of the reception which had been extended to them. Until lately, a year or so ago, there was no reason for complaint with regard to any of them. When he first heard that his predecessor, the member for Cornwall, was in communication with the authorities on the other side of the lines, in consequence of information received as to the intended breach of the neutrality laws by Southern refugees, he must say, he with, what he believed to be the majority of the people of Canada, received the intelligence with the greatest incredulity. But the Government of the day, of course, had information on which they acted; and since the present Government assumed its office in March last, they also had had information which it would be unwise to submit to the House, showing that some of those people were planning enterprises in violation of our neutrality laws. There had been two overt acts of the most violent character—the seizure of the *Philo Parsons* and the St. Albans raid—which were a distinct violation of the privileges of an asylum, and an abuse of the hospitalities extended to these people, and everybody knew that unless measures were taken to prevent them, we were in great hazard of having these raids continued. It was out of the question that we could allow this sort of thing to go on, placing the peace and happiness of this country in imminent danger; for if raiders proceeded from this country we might expect retaliatory raids from the other side, for even if the United States Government were to exert all its power and authority, it would be unable to restrain the natural indignation which would arise among the people along the Northern frontier, if their peace was continually endangered, and their country outraged in the manner which had already happened at St. Albans and in the West, and under these circumstances, the Government had felt they would be failing in their duty if they did not introduce some such measure as this. In first place it must be remembered that it applied—not to British subjects—but to aliens, when no Government was obliged to receive, except by sufferance, unless under the treaty obligations. It had been the pride of England to furnish the asylum to foreigners driven to her shores by the acts of their own harsh or oppressive Governments, but she had never hesitated, when occasion arose, to protect herself by enacting laws similar to this. The present bill was nearly a transcript of the act passed in England in 1848. More stringent Alien Acts had been passed in 1772, 1792, 1803, 1814 and 1848. That of 1848 was passed under circumstances very similar to those which now existed here. The present bill was not directed against foreigners who had come here for the purposes of trade or residence, but who had come to make use of our country as the base of operations against the United States, and to induce if possible a war between Great Britain and the United States. We could not disguise from ourselves the fact that the people of the Southern States felt and avowed that they owed no friendship to England. They knew that, but for England, France would have recognized the Southern Confederacy. He believed the Southern refugees appreciated the kindness they had received here, and did not desire that Canada as Canada should be injured. Still, interests of their own country were prominent with them, and he feared unless constrained they would continue to perpetrate acts like those already perpetrated, for the purpose of forcing on hostilities between England and the United States. He believed the very passing of this act would prevent the necessity of its ever being put in force. [Hear, hear.] It had no bearing on those willing to obey our laws, but it would operate as an effective check on th se men who were behind the scenes. The cool calculating men in Montreal, Toronto, or elsewhere, who had sent out those unfortunate young men who, full of enthusiasm, perhaps, in the cause of their country, had recklessly committed these outrages and putting their own lives in peril. The moment this law passed, these men behind the scenes knew they could be exported from the country, when good cause of complaint was made against them. He believed their course of conduct would be changed. Having quoted language used by Sir GEORGE GREY, in introducing the alien act of 1848, the Attorney-General stated that this bill was introduced with the full sanction of the Imperial Government, which included some of the men who composed the Government in 1848, and the Government, before introducing this bill, took counsel with the Imperial Government on the subject, and had their distinct sanction; the Imperial Government expressly indicating the act of 1848 as the most proper to be put in operation in this country. It had been initiated entirely at the suggestion of the Canadian Government, and not from any declaration, suggestion, and so much as expression of desire on the part of the United States Government to have such legislation. In some respects, the measure had been altered to suit the circumstances of this country. The English act empowered the Secretary of State, as a mere departmental act, to remove an alien supposed to be dangerous to the peace of the country. In framing this bill, Government had thought that it was too great a power to be placed in the hands of any one Minister, and power was given to the Governor-General, acting, of course, with the advice and in his responsibility to his Council. The Imperial Act gave the alien right of appeal to the Lords Privy Council. We had no Privy Council as a part of our Cabinet Council. In this country all were included in the Executive Council, accordingly, when the Governor issued his warrant, the party had a right to appeal to the Governor in Council, acting judicially, he could claim a statement in writing of the charge by counsel and produce evidence. All this, with the fullest publicity, seemed to give the amplest protection that could be required. Some had said the case should be determined by the courts; but, if the case where one in which sufficient evidence, to place the party on trial before the court there was no necessity for the act at all, which was of a purely exceptional nature. He then read from the speech of Lord LANSDOWNE, that it was intended to hold aliens responsible, not for their conduct elsewhere, but in England. He quoted also the speech of Lord STANLEY, (now DERBY,) who thought the bill should have been introduced even at an earlier period, and also from Lord DENMAN, and said he might cite other speeches to prove how favorable the bill had been received. This was further proved by the vote on the second reading, which was 141 for, to 22 against, and 146 for, to 29 against, on the third reading. He [JOHN A.] believed in his conscience that this country was in a far more perilous position than was England in 1848, and that if there was a necessity for such a bill then, at that time, there was infinitely greater necessity for it in Canada now. The second branch of the bill was composed of a series of clauses to which he thought no one could have any objection, and which were an adoption of an act of Congress of the United States, which passed in 1838, to prevent incursions into Canada. At that time the position of Canada was the reverse of what it is now; then it was suffering from inroads from the United States, and in continual fear of others being made. Then, the Imperial Government appealed to the United States to put an end to these things, and the Congress of the United States did not hesitate to put in force a law giving strong additional powers to their officers all along the frontier, which were found amply sufficient to stop them. Circumstances were now reversed, and he thought no honorable member would have any hesitation in supporting these clauses giving power to the Government promptly to prevent such actions, either on land or water, and to put a stop to which the United States had armed their officers with ample power. The last branch of the bill was for the purpose of requiring persons manufacturing arms and munitions of war, which might be suspected to be intended to be used in hostilities against the United States to give an account of them. The provisions of the law was absolutely necessary, as he had found in his experience this Summer, He had found that arms and cannon were being prepared, not strictly manufactured for the purpose of being sent to the United States. He had found the places where these preparations were going on, and where shot, shell and ammunition of all kinds were being manufactured. The Government had no means or power of seizing these articles, or of calling the parties to account. He would not enter into the particulars of the information the government had received, for if he did he might defeat the end in view; but he might say they had most distinct evidence on oath that manufactures of the kind were going on in Upper Canada, the provisions of the Imperial Act of 1819 had therefore been embodied in full, to enable the Government to call these parties to account, to show that these arms were being manufactured for legitimate and proper purposes. These were all the provisions of the bill before the House and he now moved its second reading.

Hon. A. A. DORION said he thought, of course, that there was a general desire on the part of the members of the House and the people of the country that all necessary power should be given to strengthen the hands of the Government to prevent any aggression from Canada on the neighboring States, and to keep strictly the neutrality enjoined upon us by the Queen's proclamation. He did not rise to oppose the second reading of the bill, but it was a source of very great regret that a bill of such a character should be deemed necessary at the present time, and he must say he had not heard anything in the remarks of the Attorney-General to justify such stringent measures as were contained in this bill. That honorable gentleman had mentioned that such measures had been passed at various times in England, among others being the bill of 1848; but even according to the Attorney General's own showing, the circumstances in England then were very different from those existing in this country now. In England the bill had been passed for the purpose of preventing people who swarmed into it from foreign countries from plotting to create disturbances against the institutions of England, similar to those that were then taking place on the Continent of Europe. England at the present moment stood in precisely the same position toward the United States as Canada. Complaints were being continually made by the United States that persons in England were arming and equipping vessels for the purpose of making war upon the United States; yet the Imperial Legislature had not passed any such law as this which it was proposed to pass in Canada. The Hon. Attorney-General almost apologized for introducing this measure, and he might well have done so.

Hon. HILLYARD CAMERON asked the Attorney-General whether it was intended to make any alterations in the bill in committee, or to pass it in the shape in which it now stood.

Hon. JOHN A. MACDONALD said it was not designed to make any changes in it.

Hon. Mr. CAMERON was sorry to say, then, that he was not able to do what the Hon. gentlemen opposite had declared he would do, vote for the second reading of the bill; and the grounds on which he would so vote were, because he thought it armed the Executive with powers dangerous to the right of the subject, and he did not hesitate for a moment to say so. [Hear, hear.] He did not think that the Imperial Legislature or people of any colony of Great Britain had ever passed a measure of this kind for the benefit of another country, but for themselves, and he believed this measure was intended, not for the benefit of the two Canadas, but in a far greater degree for the benefit of the people of the United States. It might be said we had had difficulty and trouble in consequence of the expeditions which were said to have gone from this country into the United States, but which had never been proved to have gone from this country. [Hear, hear.] In the first clauses of the bill, power was given to remove from the country aliens suspected of entertaining hostile designs against the United States, while, in the concluding part of the bill, we were told that the writ of habeas corpus was in no way to be suspended. How could these new portions be reconciled and how could it be said that the habeas corpus would not be affected? It was true Alien Acts had been passed in England, but it was equally true that whenever any attempt was made to pass them at the instance of foreign Powers, the people of England rose up in strong remonstrance against them. It was time that, while England was prepared to do what might properly be required as a neutral it was also true that the people were unprepared at the dictation of any foreign Government to do anything by which the rights and immunities of any British subject would be infringed, or right of asylum violated. Therefore, it was found that all alien acts passed from 1792 down to 1848 had been passed for our own protection, and not to satisfy the demands of foreign Powers. He did not object, so far as the United States were concerned, to give them precisely the same measure of benefit or protection that they had given us in 1838. He would re-enact here every clause of the act of Congress passed in that year; but he would not go one single step further. That the powers given in this bill were such as should not be given to any Government only under circumstances of an extraordinary emergency, and the House ought to have more proof than had been given that such circumstances had arisen, before the Government of the country left it to be its duty to offer such a bill to the people. It was a measure which the Imperial authorities might possibly propose for acceptance in a colony, but which they would not dare to ask from Englishmen. He believed that there was no desire among the people of this country, whatever their sympathies might be with any portion of what were formerly the United States, to bring about a war with that country, because they could not help feeling what position they would occupy in case of war, how many privations and difficulties they would be subjected to, and how many happy hearthstones would be drenched in blood; but, notwithstanding all this, he believed there was a principle in the liberty to which we were entitled as Englishmen, and in the protection we had ever afforded to foreigners whenever they had been oppressed and thrust out of the land of their birth, which will prepare us to endure even all this suffering and hardship rather than the bright star of British liberty, which had always shone out, should fade away. [Hear, hear.] There might be a majority of members in favor of the measure as it stood, but he hoped they would pause before they determined to make a law which would strike so great a blow, as he believed, at that sort of protection which had always been given by England and her colonies to foreigners, who sought an asylum in its dominions. He then commented upon the provisions of the bill, which declared that the habeas corpus shall not be suspended, and yet permitted an alien to be imprisoned without trial, and held in confinement for a month in case navigation by the St. Lawrence should be closed before he could obtain judicial investigation of the cause of his imprisonment. It was true that he might obtain liberation on bail, but what mockery it was to give a poor foreigner and stranger, probably innocent, any of offence whatever, opportunity to procure bail, while there was not the slightest chance of his obtaining it. It had been argued that powers of this nature had been given to the Privy Council in England, but the Privy Council had a Judicial Committee in whom all had confidence, and whose judgments were held in respect. He then referred to the fact that, when the Orsini conspiracy took place, the Imperial Parliament refused to pass the Alien Bill, because it believed it had been introduced upon the demand of a foreign Power. They felt that, even although the law might be right in itself, they could never place it on the statute book at the instance of a foreign Government; but in 1861, when there were no pressure by a foreign Power for the measure, it had been adopted by Parliament, and became part of the criminal law of the country. A great many might say they desired this bill, because their sympathies were with the North. He said, and he had never hesitated to say, that his sympathies were with the South. [Hear, hear.] *He would not do or countenance any act that would embroil this country with the United States, but at the same time he had no hesitation in declaring that his feeling and sympathy were more aroused by the manly and brave fight the people of the Southern States were making for their independence, than by the attempts of the North to put them down.* He referred to the abuse that had been heaped upon England by the Northern people and press, and to the acts of positive unfriendliness they had committed against Canada, and asked what special privileges could they demand or expect from us. He thought the bill armed the Executive with too strong powers, and, if he was the only man in the house who would vote against its second reading, his voice should be raised against it.

Hon. Mr. BROWN was surprised at the speech of the honorable gentleman who just spoke, until that gentleman had announced his sympathies with cause of the South—those sympathies doubtless influenced his cause—but there was a strong contrast between what he had said of British freedom and his sympathy with those who were fighting to keep 4,000,000 slaves in bondage. He (Mr. BROWN,) however, spoke not for North or South, but as a minister of the crown, and he acknowledged that he deeply regretted that such a call was necessary, without which, however, the Government would certainly not have asked for it. That necessity, certainly, arose from the fact that this country had been used as a basis for carrying on outrages against friendly States. Of course, it was well known that money must have been supplied for that purpose, the Government knew or at least suspected the men who had concocted these schemes, and who were now walking about our streets. The Government having no power to interfere with them. Was there no necessity, he asked, when attacks were made upon steamboats owned by good neighbors, with whom we transacted a constant, large and profitable trade, and when it was remembered that our frontier, offering facilities for such enterprises, extended for many hundreds of miles; was there no necessity when we had do send troops to the frontier, and could not tell where the requirement for such protection might stop. Legal process was, of course, impossible in this case; its operations came too late, and yet, even before any positive acts were committed, there were frequently suspicion so strong as to make interference for prevention imperatively necessary. Yet, in acting under this bill, any Government would find itself checked by public opinion, and by the action of that House, to which it would be responsible. He denied that Mr. DORION had said that the bill would drive away emigrants. It would have no effect upon those who sought a peaceful home, and he was bound to say that nothing had inflicted so much injury upon this country, during the last few years, as the impression that it was in a state of insecurity, and exposed to risk of war. Nor was it true that it would lead to asylum of registration or passports.

Hon. Mr. DORION—They had registration in England.

Hon. Mr. BROWN—Well, we have not, and do not propose to have. The bill was intended not to drive away peaceful citizens, but to make them secure, and if it were passed, there would to-morrow be a state of tranquility on the frontier such as had not prevailed there for a considerable period.

Mr. BROWN repeated the Attorney-General's assertion that the bill had not been dictated by the United States, but had originated in this country, and, as to the assertion that the colony was about to go further than England had gone, he asked whether it was not required that she should do so by the exposure of her situation, and from the fact that hordes might sweep in any day along her extended frontier, bounded by small streams or imaginary lines. But it was not true that the habeas corpus was abolished, it was reserved, it was true, that the show that proceedings had been taken under the bill would be an answer to the writ, but the whole subject might be brought before the court, would thus be made public, and, if injustice were attempted, would give occasion to the protection of public opinion and of the press. It was spoken of as a great hardship that some of these men might be detained in prison through the winter. He thought if they were, and were sent away in the spring, it would be the best thing that could be done with them. As little founded was the complaint that the persons who might be arrested would not be able to find bail, for that was the case with every stranger, though arrested for the most trifling cause, though only bound to keep the peace. The appeal to the Executive Council was as much an appeal to a body of lawyers as was that which in England was allowed to the Privy Council, as there were nine lawyers in the present excellent Government. It was said, again, that we ought not to grant this act, because it was a concession to the United States, whose press had bullied us. There had, however, been bullying on both sides, and the less we said of that the better. He concluded by saying that he supported the bill, not as a partisan of North or South, but as a cfiizen of Canada, anxious to preserve the peace of the country, and prevent war between Great Britain and the United States.

After speeches from Messrs. DUNKIN, MORRIS, J. S. MCDONALD, M. C. CAMERON, A. MCKENZIE, SCATCHERD, J. A. MCDONALD and SHANLY, the House then divided, Messrs. J. H. CAMERON, FORD, JONES, POPE and SHANLY voting in the negative.

The bill was then read a second time, to be committed to-morrow, and the House adjourned.

[The lateness of the hour—3:30 A. M.—prevents us from giving the debate in full as telegraphed, having to go to press for early mails.]

THE BURLEY CASE.

The Prisoner Remanded for Extradition—Decision of the Chief Justice.

The following are the principal points in the decision of Chief Justice DRAPER, remanding BURLEY for extradition:

The first point taken was that it appeared that the prisoner was a native-born subject of her Majesty, and therefore did not come under the Extradition Treaty, or the statute passed to give it effect. Reference was also made on this subject to statute 31 chap. 2, section 12. This objection was disposed of during the argument. The statute 24 Victoria is large enough to embrace all persons, subjects, denizens or aliens, who have committed the crimes enumerated in the United States treaty who are found in this Province. It is sufficient to read the 12th section of the 31st, cap 2, to see that it can have no application to a proceeding like the present.

It was further objected that the prisoner is proved to be an officer in the service of the Southern Confederacy—that there is an existing state of war between that Confederacy and the United States of America; that this state of war gives rise to, as between the belligerents themselves, certain rights acknowledged by the law of nations, and among them an immunity as regards all acts of hostility done either in the enemy's country or against the lives and property of the enemy's subjects and citizens. That the act charged as robbery was an act done in the prosecution of lawful hostilities, and though committed within the territory of the United States, was not a crime against the municipal law of that country. That Great Britain has recognized this state of war, and has, by a declaration of neutrality, admitted the existence in each of those rights which belong to belligerents. Hence it is argued that the judicial authorities of this country cannot treat such acts as the prisoner is charged with committing, under the circumstances as appearing, as crimes such as the Extradition Treaty was intended to apply to.

Such, concisely stated, I understand, are the grounds of the application for the prisoner's discharge. For the purpose of a decision, I assume, though I do not adjudge, that the evidence is properly before us, and that a decision must be founded upon a careful examination and consideration of the whole of it.

It is established that the alleged state of war exists. The Queen's proclamation puts the question at rest, while it recognizes and declares the obligations arising from the neutrality to be observed by the Queen's subjects toward the belligerents.

Then the particular facts set forward appear to be that the prisoner is a British-born subject, who, by entering into the naval or military service of one of the belligerents has contracted engagements at variance with his proper duty as a British subject. It is asserted on his behalf, that, having been a prisoner of war in the United States, he made his escape; he is proved to have been in this Province in August, 1864; and in September of that year he was in the City of Detroit, within one of those States, in an apparently civil character. While there, and receiving the protection of the laws of that country, he owed, according to our law, a temporary allegiance, and might, by violating it, have been guilty of treason. He cannot, I think, be heard to say that he was not in that situation while living peaceably in Detroit for a greater or less time.

Dressed as a civilian, he comes on board an American steamboat which was engaged in private trade. If he came armed, his weapons were concealed. At his request the vessel is stopped at a port within British territory, where three other persons came on board and joined him. They, too, like himself, appeared to be travelers, and were secretly armed, if they were armed. The steamboat touched, in her usual course, at another British port, where twenty or thirty more men, in the dress of private citizens and unarmed, came on board, bringing with them a chest or trunk, in which, as subsequently appeared, there were firearms and hatchets.

When the vessel had proceeded some distance within the United States territory, aided by the parties who came on board from the British territory, the prisoner seized the steamboat, and, with he and one of his associates, by force and terror, took from Ashley proper ty belonging to him and his co-proprietors of the boat. These parties also took possession of another steamer, from which they removed every person, and took her with them a short distance and cast her adrift, having, it is said, scuttled her. They did not approach Johnson's Island, where the prisoners taken from the Confederate forces were confined, and of which the United States steamer *Michigan* was said to be within some miles, how near not appearing, but turned back toward Detroit and landed on the Canada shore, keeping the property they had taken from Ashley, and removing from the boat some other property belonging to the owners. Some of the parties had declared their intention of capturing the *Michigan* and releasing the prisoners—but these are the acts done by them; while some of them made inquiries and spoke of what they would desire to do, in a manner indicating views of private pillage, rather than of warlike enterprise.

But, conceding that there is evidence that the prisoner was an officer in the Confederate service, and that he had the sanction of those who employed him to endeavor to capture the *Michigan*, and release the prisoners on Johnson's Island, the manifesto put forward as a shield to protect the prisoner from personal responsibility does not extend to what he has actually done—say more, it absolutely prohibits a violation of neutral territory or any rights of neutrals. The prisoner, however, according to the testimony, was a leader in an expedition embarked surreptitiously from a neutral territory—his followers, with their weapons, found him within that territory, and proceeded thence to prosecute their enterprise, whatever it was, into the territory of the United States. Thus, assuming their intentions to have been what was professed, they deprived the expedition of the character of lawful hostility, and the very commencement and embarkation of their enterprise was a violation of neutral territory, and contrary to the letter and spirit of the manifesto produced.

This gives greater reason for carefully inquiring whether, looking at the whole case, the alleged belligerent enterprise was not put forward as a pretext to cloak very different designs.

Taken by themselves, the acts of the prisoner himself clearly establish a *prima facie* case of robbery with violence—at least, according to our law. The matters alleged to deprive the prisoner's acts of the criminal character are necessarily to be set up by way of defence to the charge, and involve an admission that the prisoner committed the acts, but denying their criminality. Assuming some act done within our jurisdiction, which, unexplained, would amount to robbery, if explanations were offered, and evidence to support them, were given at a preliminary investigation, the accused could not be discharged—the case must be submitted to a jury. This case cannot, from its very nature, be investigated before our tribunals, for the act was committed within the jurisdiction of the United States. Whether those facts necessary to rebut the *prima facie* case can be proved, can only be determined by the courts of that country. We are bound to assume that they will try and decide it justly.

I do not, on the whole, think the prisoner is entitled to be discharged.

I should add that, considering the nature of the questions to be determined, I request the learned Chief Justices of the Common Pleas, and my brothers HAGARTY and JNO. WILSON, who were all, at the moment, within reach, to sit with me, and aid me with their opinion. They very kindly complied with my request, and are prepared to express their views. I am sustained by their concurrence in their conclusion at which I have arrived.

Rear-Admiral Thatcher.

U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION IN THE NAVY.

It is generally known that the squadron under Rear-Admiral PORTER's command consisted of about 160 vessels, which were manned by at least 20,000 men.

But it is not generally known that there were but *two* chaplains attached to this fleet, and that the Christian Commission supplied this deficiency by sending on board five clergymen as their delegates, who were placed in the five large vessels which led the five grand divisions of the expedition against Fort Fisher.

The Commission furnished each delegate with a quantity of such supplies as it was thought would be needed for the sick and wounded men.

These representatives of the Christian Commission remained with the fleet more than a month, ministering to the wants of the sick and the wounded, and performing the funeral services of the men who fell by disease and disaster in the expedition.

In the following letter, Rear-Admiral THATCHER expresses the estimation in which the labors of the Christian Commission are held in the navy:

U. S. STEAMER COLORADO, BROOKLYN NAVY-YARD, Jan. 28, 1865.

N. Bishop, LL. D., Chairman, &c., &c.:

DEAR SIR: Permit me to acknowledge the substantial aid we received from the United States Christian Commission, in the recent naval expedition against Fort Fisher.

We having no Chaplain on the ship, the services of your agent, Rev. L. SELLECK, were most acceptable and highly appreciated.

By his exemplary deportment, fine social qualities, and sympathies with the sick and wounded, together with the earnest preaching of the Gospel, he has secured the confidence and respect of all the officers and men on board. The hospital supplies, with delicacies for the sick and wounded, furnished by the commission, were of an excellent quality, and have been reported by the Surgeon as being of great service both for the sick and wounded. Having known something of your humane work in the army, it is my desire to see the same good work extended in the navy. May God bless the Christian Commission.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
H. K. THATCHER, U. S. Navy.

The public will be gratified to know that the New-York branch of the United States Christian Commission will use all the means at its command to extend the largest benefits of the commission to the heroic officers and men in our national navy.

The Union Dead at Martinsburgh.

MARTINSBURGH, West Va., Sunday, Jan. 29, 1865.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

As I experienced some difficulty in finding the place of interment of a relative who died here, of whom I was in search, for the benefit of friends who come here on a similar mission, I have taken down the names of the New-York soldiers who have died in hospital here during the year 1864, and whose remains are interred in Greenhill Cemetery at this place, and I herewith send you the list:

Juby Scott, Co. G, 15th Cav., died June 9.
Corp. Henry Lent, Co. K, 21st Cav., died Aug. 9.
George Van Sickle, Co. M, 1st Light Cav., died Sept. 3.
Thomas James, Co. C, 1st Light Cav., died Sept. 3.
Philip Burke, Co. D, 1st Cav., died Sept. 20.
D. Parkhurst, Co. A, 184th Infantry, died Oct. 24.
Richard Fairbanks, Co. M, 6th Heavy Art., died Oct. 24.
William Snow, Co. A, 9th Heavy Art., died Oct. 24.
Thomas Kelley, Co. C, Harris Light Cav., died Nov. 6.
Lewis C. Nims, Co. I, 10th Heavy Art., died Nov. 7.
Charles Kelsey, Co. K, 6th Heavy Art., died Nov. 20.
Marcus Shohn, Co. G, 6th Heavy Art., died Nov. 23.
Sergt. James B. Jenks, Co. K, 121st Infantry.

Besides the foregoing there are a large number whose identity is unknown, and it is impossible to tell how many of them were from the State of New-York.

Respectfully yours,
FRED C. NIMS.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

SUICIDES.—Coroner GAMBLE concluded an inquest yesterday upon the body of Mr. HORACE CUSHING, at No. 18 West Thirty-third-street, and the jury found that deceased "came to his death by concussion of the brain, with fracture of the skull, the result of injuries received by jumping out of a window on the morning of Jan. 25, 1865, while laboring under temporary aberration of mind." JOHN T. CRANE, M. D., made a deposition as follows: "I have been the attending physician of deceased for several years past; during the past few months he has suffered at times with great depression of spirits, the result, in my opinion, of a system of persecution, continually followed up, by those to whom he was indebted at the time of his failure in 1861; deceased's mind had become so far depressed that he showed confirmed symptoms of melancholy; and in one of these fits of melancholy, in my opinion, he committed the act which caused his death." Mr. CUSHING was a native of Massachusetts, aged 43 years. Coroner COLLIN held an inquest, at the Sailors' House, in Cherry-street, over the body of JOHN BAND, a seaman. BAND leaped from the window of his room, on the fourth story of the Home, yesterday morning, while laboring under mania, and was instantly killed. Deceased was 30 years of age.

ARREST OF AN ALLEGED PICKPOCKET.—A young man, giving his name as JOHN FAY, was arrested at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Morris and Essex Railroad depot, in Hoboken, by Special Deputy Sheriff BRATTY, charged with having attempted to pick the pocket of Mrs. SUSAN SNOW, of Orange; also, of JOSEPH LITZY, of the same place. The parties were positive that accused made the attempt, and he was accordingly committed for examination.

SMALL-POX ON STATEN ISLAND.—The Richmond County *Gazette* says: "The small-pox is prevailing in different portions of the island. We hear of cases in every town in the county, some of them of a very serious type." The county authorities have taken steps to secure general vaccination in the various towns.

ROBBED IN A DEN.—PATRICK KELLY, of No. 282 East Ninth-street, entered complaint against CAROLINE LOSIER and ANNA GLEASON for robbing him of $8 in a Broome-street den. The accused were committed by Justice LEDWITH.

LAW REPORTS.

United States Circuit Court.

Before Judge Shipman.

COUNTERFEITING.

Palmer Lewis was put on trial under an indictment charging him with having in his possession counterfeit fractional notes with intent to pass them.

The facts proved by the prosecution were that on the 19th December last, two policemen (Officers Ralph P. Barker and Peter J. Davis,) saw the defendant coming out of No. 16 Houston-street, in company with one George Clark. The officers followed them to the Bowery, where they took a Third-avenue car and went up to Thirteenth-street. They then got off and went into a saloon on the corner of Fourteenth-street and when they came out went into another one near Fifteenth-street. The officers followed them, and Barker told them that he thought they had taken a pistol from the saloon below, and must search them, which he proceeded to do. He found in Lewis' overcoat pocket a package of about 500 fractional currency 50-cent notes. Lewis caught hold of his hand, and said it was private property; but the officer wrenched it from him. They found in Clark's pockets a package of 150 fractional notes, and about $3,000 counterfeit State money. They had also about $250 in good money, which they offered to give the officers to let them go, and $500 besides.

Clark said he was a fool for carrying so much stuff with him. Lewis asked how long he would be sentenced for, if convicted, and said that if he had thought they could not settle it the officers would have had a rough time taking them.

The defence offered no evidence, and the jury found a verdict of guilty.

George Clark thereupon pleaded guilty to a similar indictment, and the prisoners were remanded till Saturday.

United States Commissioner's Office.

Before Commissioner Osborn.

The United States against Bernard McVay.—The accused was charged with stealing some copper from the Navy-yard, at Brooklyn. On the part of the defence it was shown that one of the watchman at the yard had extorted a confession from the prisoner by holding a loaded pistol to his head and threatening him with death. The man was accordingly discharged for want of legal evidence.

Criminal Business.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Before Judge Russel.

Mr. John Sedgewick renewed his motion, yesterday morning, for a commission in the Friary case to take the testimony of John Hays, a witness for the defence, now in Cincinnati. The commission was granted, but a stay of proceedings refused.

Mr. Fullerton made a motion for the discharge of Patrick Flynn, charged with grand larceny.

The District Attorney said there were peculiar circumstances in this case. The man had been a porter in the Bancroft House, and was charged by Seth Adams, the first and second, with stealing some articles of jewelry from his room on the occasion of the recent fire at that house. The difficulty arose as to whom the property should be laid in the indictment. If it was laid in Mrs. Milspaugh, she might come in court and say she was Mrs. Adams, and then would there be a variance between the proof and the indictment. If Mrs. Adams was said to be the owner of the jewelry, the defence would claim that the Supreme Court had decided that the lady was not Mrs. Adams, and he was afraid that the prosecution would have some difficulty in proving that she was. He should, therefore, consent to the discharge of the man, as there were other circumstances throwing doubt upon his guilt. Flynn was accordingly discharged, and the court adjourned until Monday next.

Supreme Court Chambers.

Before Justice Ingraham.

Smith vs. The New-York Consolidated Stage Company.—The motion in the case of Kerr for leave to Mr. Murphy to sell a portion of the property of the defendants, now comes before the Supreme Court, in which he had also been appointed Receiver of the same property, to ask for a similiar permission upon affidavits, that the landlord of the stables is pressing for his rent, and the United States Tax Collector for his taxes. His Honor, remarking that the Receiver of the Court could not be evicted, and an arrangement being come to between the parties, the motion was adjourned until after the decision at General Term should be had on the question of the validity of the appointment of Mr. Murphy.

Decision in the Tibbetts' Case.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Before Justice Ingraham.

Luther C. Tibbetts vs. Archibald Baxter and others.—The motion heretofore made to strike out the evidence from Mr. Tibbetts, complaint was today decided by the Court granting the motion, and directing the complaint to be amended as to the statements of slander.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—FEB. 2, 1865.

$30,600	U. S. 6s, '81. C.	109⅝	$25	Pac. M. S. C.	285
2,000	do.	109⅝	600	Cum. Coal Pr.	44⅜
105,000	U. S. 6s, 5-20s. C	109	100	do. s60	44
30,000	do. new iss.	108¼	300	do.	41⅝
5,000	do. new iss.	108½	500	do. b30	45
1,000	U. S. 5s, 10-40s. C	101	300	Mar. Min. Co.	11¾
35,000	do.	100⅝	100	do. s30	11
20,000	U. S. 6s, 1 yr. Cer.	98	1400	Erie Railway	69⅝
2,000	Mo. 6s, issued to H. & St. J. R.	83	1000	do.	69⅝
			200	do. b10	69⅝
5,000	M. 6s iss. to Pacific R.	72	500	do. s30	69
			300	do. s60	68
4,000	St. Louis 6s.	87¾	100	do.	69¾
50,000	O. & Miss. C.	26¾	100	Chic. & Alt. Pref.	92¾
10,000	do.	26¾	200	Hudson R. R.	103
20,000	do.	26¾	190	do.	103¼
2,000	Erie 3d M.	108½	400	do.	103¾
2,000	do.	108	400	do.	103¾
1,000	N. Y. Cen. 6s.	102	200	Reading R.	103¾
4,000	Ill. Cen. R. Bs.	113	500	do.	103¾
2,500	C. & N. W. 1st M. Ex. int.	87	200	do. b60	104
			200	do.	103¾
1,000	To. & W. 2d M.	78	100	do.	103¾
1,000	P. Ft. W. & C. 2d.	100	500	do.	103
4,000	Del., Lac. & W. 2d	112	10	Mich. Cen. R.	110
3,000	Mar. 1st M. Bs.	88	100	do.	109
20,000	Am. Gold	205¾	100	do. s10	109
10,000	do. c	206	50	do.	109¼
20	Ocean Bank	95	200	W. S. & N. I.	63⅝
5	Imp. & Traders' Bk.	104	400	Ill. Cen. R.	115
100	Fourth Nat. Bank.	99	1000	Clev. & Pitts.	79¼
30	Man. Gas. Co.	185	800	do.	79
50	Canton Co.	29¾	500	do.	79¼
75	Del. & Hud. C. Co	155	200	do. b15	79¼
100	N. Y. Cen.	104⅜	300	Chi. & N. W.	32¾
100	do. s10	104	20	Chi. & N. W. Pr.	62¾
300	do.	104⅜	200	do.	61¾
100	do.	104⅜	100	do.	61⅝
100	do.	104⅜	50	Chi. & R. I. R.	90⅜
200	do. s 0	1 33⅛	300	do.	90¼
500	do. s30	103	100	do. s30	90
100	do. s30	102⅜	100	P., Ft. W. & C.	90¼
100	do.	104	400	do.	90¼
200	do.	104⅛	400	do. s10	90

SECOND BOARD.

$30,000	U. S. 5-20s C	109	100	Reading R.	103
25,000	do. new iss.	108½	100	do.	103½
10,000	do. new iss.	108⅛	100	Mich. Cen. R.	108
1,000	U. S. 6s, 5-20s. R	108⅛	200	M. S. & N. I. R.	63⅝
20,000	U. S. 5s, 10-40s C	100⅞	100	Ill. Cen. R. s60	113⅛
5,000	O. & M. Cer.	26⅜	100	Clev. & Pitts.	78
4,000	do.	26⅜	500	do. b30	78¾
50,000	do.	26⅜	200	do. s30	77¾
10,000	Amer. Gold s60	200	150	Chic. & N. W.	32
500	Cum Coal Pref.	45	1000	do. s5	32
100	do.	44¾	350	Chic. & N. W. Pr.	61
100	do. b30	45	100	do.	60¾
300	N. Y. Cen.	103⅜	50	Chi. & R. I. R.	90¼
500	Erie Railway	69	500	do.	90
300	do.	69½	100	Chi. Bur. & Q. R.	114
200	Hud. Riv. R.	102¾	200	Pitts., F. W. & C.	90½
100	do.	102¾	450	do.	90

OPEN BOARD—1½ P. M.

$10,800	O. & M. C.	26½	200	M. S. & N. I.	63⅝
100	N. Y. C. R. x-d	103⅜	100	do. c	63⅝
100	do.	103⅜	100

$37@$39. Cut Meats are very quiet at 17c.@18½c. for Shoulders; 18c.@22c., the latter rate for choice bagged, for Hams; sales equal to 180 pkgs. Bacon continues dull and heavy. Sales since our last, 150 boxes, including Cumberland Cut for immediate delivery, at 20½c., and Short Clear at 23½c.@23½c. ₱ lb. Dressed Hogs rule quiet and heavy at 15c.@15½c. ₱ lb. Lard tends downward; sales 1,000 tcs. and bbls., part at 18¾c.@23½c., and for April delivery at 23¾c. ₱ lb. Beef continues in limited request at $21@$24 for Extra Mess; $16@$22 for New Plain Mess; sales 150 bbls. There Beef and Beef Hams are inactive. Butter continues in limited demand at 43c.@58c. for poor to choice, and 58c.@60c. for fancy State, and 30c.@46c. for Western, ₱ lb. Cheese has been lightly dealt in at 14c.@22½c. for poor to very choice, ₱ lb. The week's business in Butter and Cheese, Messrs. M. W. STARIN & Co. notice thus:

The constant and extreme fluctuations in the quotations for gold during the whole week, making a variation in values of from 5 to 12 ₱ cent, has kept the entire Produce market in a ferment, and has produced an almost stagnation in trade. The variations in gold have been so wide and so constant, that neither buyers nor sellers have had any basis for transactions, and, consequently, with the exception of some heavy transactions for export, made for sterling ₱ cwt. The week's trade in Dairy products has been almost a blank. The demand for city trade continues very light. Retailers are bare of stock, and buy sparingly for their actual wants. A fair demand prevails for California at lower rates. We note sales of some prime shipping lots at 18c.@50c. The stock of really fine Butter now on this market is quite light when compared with the same period of former years, and for such qualities the market is firm. Second quality and low grades of Butter have been neglected by buyers for some length of time, and the stocks of those grades have gradually accumulated, although a heavy amount is not on the market. Prices for all except fine Butter are, however, decidedly easier, with slight demand as the decline. Taken as a whole, the market for Butter was never in a more unsatisfactory condition, either for buyers or sellers, as neither feels safe in venturing on even ordinary transactions. We quote:

Orange and Sussex Co. Dairies—firkins, ₱ lb.	50 @—
Orange and Sussex Co—half firkin tubs, ₱ lb.	55 @60
Fine State Dairies—firkins, ₱ lb.	48 @50
Fair to Good State Dairies—firkins, ₱ lb.	45 @49
Fine State—half firkin tubs, ₱ lb.	52 @54
Fair to Good State—half firkin tubs, ₱ lb.	48 @50
Fine State Dairies—Welch tubs, ₱ lb.	46 @48
Fair to Good State Dairies—Welch tubs, ₱ lb.	43 @45
Fine Pennsylvania Dairies—firkins, ₱ lb.	45 @48
Fair to Good Penn. Dairies—firkins, ₱ lb.	43 @45
Fine Western Reserve—firkins, ₱ lb.	40 @43
Fine Wisconsin, Michigan, &c.—firkins, ₱ lb.	40 @43
Fine Fresh New-York State—firkins, ₱ lb.	— @52
Fair Ordinary Western—firkins, ₱ lb.	30 @38
Common Western—firkins, ₱ lb.	28 @30
Roll Butter, Fine State, ₱ lb.	— @45
Roll Butter, Fine Western, ₱ lb.	— @42

During the early part of the week a sudden advance in the rate of gold caused some heavy sales of cheese for export. An equally prompt decline in gold quotations checked the demand, and a further decline has caused the cheese market to close dull and heavy, with downward tendency. We quote:

State Dairies—factory made—fine	20 @22
State Dairies—factory made—fair to good	19 @21
State Dairies—extra quality	19 @21
State Dairies—fair to good	18 @—
Western Reserve—good to prime	16 @18
English Dairy—Eastern	22 @24
English Dairy—Western	18 @20
Pine-Apple	24 @26
Orange County—flat skimmed	14 @15

Stocks in the Packing-Yards of New-York and Brooklyn.

PORK.

	Feb. 1, 1865.	Jan. 1. 1865.	Feb. 1, 1864.
Clear			1.713
Mess	61 190	49,196	41,002
Thin Mess	555	746	1 380
Prime Mess	39,711	19,792	9,181
Flank	9	15	74
Prime	3.648	1,758	2.729
Rumps	168	200	166
Refuse Mess	350	360	4.119
Refuse Prime Mess	1,268	551	3,410
Refuse Prime	52	40	1.125
Other Refuse	1.216	1.546	1.052
Uninspected	46,858	44 374	21.729
Grand total, bbls.	155.234	118,588	88,180

BEEF.

Repacked Mess	7.021	9.411	9.169
Repacked Chic. Mess	15,076	9,707	4,396
Railroad Beef	342	142	717
Refuse Mess	720	792	1,586
Refuse Prime	—	108	—
Other Refuse	718	597	1.079
Tcs. Prime Mess	3.006	1.160	3.352
Country Mess	10.776	11.574	11.040
Country Prime	47	200	953
Uninspected tcs	15.065	18.345	19.214
Uninspected bbls	84.168	104.421	56.137
Grand total, tcs., bbls.	136,929	156.467	107,643

SUGARS—Have been in limited request and less buoyant. Sales since our last comprise 230 hhds. Cuba, &c., at 16¼c.@22c., and 850 bxs. Havana, at 18¾c.@19¾c. ₱ lb. R-fined Sugar is more dull and heavy at 22¾c.@28c. ₱ lb. Stock of Sugars, 12,699 hhds., 10,932 bxs. and 99 454 bags, against 18,626 hhds., 23,483 bxs. and 104,463 bags same time last year.

TALLOW—Sales, since our last, 105,000 lbs., at 15¾c.@16¼c., the latter an extreme, ₱ lb.

WHISKY—Sales, 700 bbls. at $2 30@$2 31 ₱ gallon.

FREIGHTS—For Liverpool, the engagements were confined to 200 tierces Beef at 1s. 6d.; 30 hhds. Tobacco at 15s.; also, by steamer, 800 boxes Bacon at 35s.; 2,500 pkgs. Butter and Cheese, and 10 tons Clover Seed at 50s. For Bristol, 50 tons Fustic on private terms; 50 tons Tallow at 20s. For Hamburgh, 350 cases Tobacco at 17s. 6d.

THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

STATED SESSION—THURSDAY, Feb. 2, 1865.

Present—Aldermen Flynn, Shannon, Gedney, Jeremiah, Van Voorhis, Farley.

The President being absent at roll call, on motion of Alderman Farley Alderman Jeremiah was called to the Chair.

The roll having been called, and a quorum not appearing, the President pro tem. declared the Board stood adjourned without day.

D. T. VALENTINE, Clerk.

Movements of European Steamers.

FROM AMERICA.

Bornussia	Feb	4	New-York	S'mpton.
Glasgow	Feb.	4	New-York	Liverpool.
Virginia	Feb.	4	New-York	Liverpool.
America	Feb.	4	New-York	S'mpton.
City of Cork	Feb.	4	New-York	Liverpool.
Cuba	Feb.	8	New-York	Liverpool.
Africa	Feb.	15	Boston	Liverpool.
City of London	Feb.	18	New-York	Liverpool.
Australasian	Feb.	22	New-York	Liverpool.
Lafayette	March	1	New-York	Havre.
Asia	March	1	Boston	Liverpool.
Saxonia	March	4	New-York	S'mpton.
Borussia	April	1	New-York	S'mpton.
Bavaria	April	15	New-York	S'mpton.
Germania	April	29	New-York	S'mpton.
Teutonia	May	13	New-York	S'mpton.
Saxonia	May	27	New-York	S'mpton.

FROM EUROPE.

Africa	Jan	21	Liverpool	Boston.
Kangaroo	Jan.	21	Liverpool	New-York.
City of London	Jan.	25	Liverpool	New-York.
Australasian	Jan.	28	Liverpool	New-York.
Etna	Feb.	4	Liverpool	New-York.
Asia	Feb.	4	Liverpool	Boston.
United Kingdom	Feb.	8	Glasgow	New-York.
Saxonia	Feb.	8	S'mpton	New-York.
China	Feb.	11	Liverpool	New-York.
Canada	Feb.	18	Liverpool	New-York.
Cuba	Feb.	25	Liverpool	New-York.
Borussia	March	8	S'mpton	New-York.
Bavaria	March	22	S'mpton	New-York.
Germania	April	5	S'mpton	New-York.
Teutonia	April	19	S'mpton	New-York.
Saxonia	May	3	S'mpton	New-York.

For Havana and New-Orleans.

Evening Star	Feb.	4	New-York	New-Orleans.
Fung Shuey	Feb.	4	New-York	New-Orleans.
Morning Star	Feb.	18	New-York	New-Orleans.

For California.

North Star	Feb.	3	New-York	Aspinwall.
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The mails for Europe, via Portland, by the *Damascus*, will close at 1:30 P. M. on Friday.

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New-York Central Railroad	3 P. M.
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

The peace news this morning affords the important intelligence that Secretary SEWARD yesterday morning telegraphed to the President that his presence was needed at Fortress Monroe. The President at once took a special car for Annapolis, which place he reached at 1 P. M., and immediately embarked on the steamer *Thomas Colyer* for Fortress Monroe, where he undoubtedly arrived before breakfast this morning. From the army we learn that, permission having been accorded, the rebel Commissioners were received into our lines, and escorted to City Point on Tuesday afternoon, and that on Wednesday morning they were on board Gen. GRANT'S dispatch boat at City Point, apparently awaiting the arrival of some one from Washington. It is possible that a conference to-day, either at Fortress Monroe or City Point, may be the result of these movements.

The Nashville correspondent of the Chicago *Journal*, writing under date of Jan. 26, has the following with reference to the movements of Gen. THOMAS' army: "There is very little of interest transpiring here, just now; but the lull will be broken in good time by a general advance of 40,000 cavalry into the State of Alabama. To destroy the remnant of HOOD'S army, to open the Alabama River, and seize and hold the towns of Montgomery, Selma and Mobile, is the task assigned to THOMAS, and whenever all is prepared, he will move, in conjunction with Gen. CANBY; and such a clearing out as HOOD will then receive will only find a parallel in that of last December in front of this city. The few thousand men the rebels can muster to resist the avalanche which is about to be hurled against them, will be scattered like chaff before a hurricane. The disheartened men will seek their homes, as the Tennesseeans sought theirs, after the battles of the 15th and 16th of December."

The steamship *Rebecca Clyde*, Capt. WILLETTS, which left this port Jan. 14, with a cargo of provisions subscribed by the citizens of New-York for the relief of the Savannah sufferers, arrived at this port last night from that city, bringing a full cargo of cotton, consigned to Mr. SIMEON DRAPER, Collector of the Port. She has also several passengers, among whom are Messrs. GRINNELL, LAW, CHITTENDEN, FISH, BAXTER, BABCOCK, LATHROP, and other prominent gentlemen of this city. From our Savannah files of the 28th ult. we obtain the details of the great conflagration which occurred on the night of Jan. 27. Two fires took place, by which 225 buildings were destroyed, reducing two entire squares to ashes. No lives were lost, but several women and children were gallantly rescued from great peril by the soldiers. A great panic was caused by the burning of the old rebel naval arsenal, which contained a great deal of ammunition, the explosion of shells sending terror throughout the city.

The steamship *Cahawba*, from Hilton Head, Jan. 28, arrived at Fortress Monroe, Jan. 31, and reports that the latest intelligence from SHERMAN'S army placed it about 40 miles from Charleston, and rapidly advancing. The rebels were offering resistance whenever possible, but always forced back. Forage and subsistence were being found in large quantities by our soldiers in the country through which they passed. No serious resistance from the enemy was anticipated before reaching the vicinity of Charleston.

A torpedo-boat was left by the rebels aground just above the obstructions, in their late ironclad raid. Commander NICHOLS was ordered to send a night expedition for the purpose of capturing her, which was successful, and the boat is now in our possession. She had two good engines and two torpedoes on board.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, a resolution was presented calling upon the Secretary of War for the publication of the record of the court-martial in the case of Col. NORTH. A bill was introduced for a Territorial Government of the Indian country. After an attempt by Mr. SUMNER to call up the resolution relating to the Peace Commissioners, the resolution declaring that the electoral vote of certain States shall not be counted, was taken up. An animated discussion ensued, in which nearly all the members participated, but no conclusion was arrived at prior to the adjournment at 4 o'clock.

In the House, a bill was passed to pay the surviving revolutionary pensioners a gratuity of $300 a year, in addition to their pensions. Mr. JULIAN introduced an important bill relative to the mineral lands of the United States. It contains many new and radical changes. The report from the Conference Committee on the Freedman's Bureau was received, and, after discussion, postponed for one week. The bill to aid the improvement of the Illinois and Michigan Canal was then taken up, and, after a lively discussion, it was passed. The House, on motion of Mr. STEVENS, insisted on its non-concurrence in the Senate's amendments to the Deficiency Appropriation Bill. The House soon after adjourned.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate yesterday, bills were reported to prevent the defacement of natural scenery, and to facilitate acquisition of lands for the extension of the Croton Water Works. Bills were passed incorporating the Union League Club of New-York, and also the Olympic Club of New-York.

In the Assembly the Governor sent in a dispatch received from the Senate Committee in Washington, who announced that they had obtained the President's consent to set aside for the present the recent action by which 16,000 was added to the quota of New-York, and the quota of each district is therefore reduced by 25 per cent. Bills were passed to provide additional means for the relief of our sick and wounded soldiers, and to provide for a public market in the City of New-York.

FROM EUROPE.

The steamship *Africa*, from Liverpool Jan. 21, via Queenstown Jan. 22, arrived at Halifax yesterday. Her news is two days later. The London *Globe* authoritatively denies the reports of the departure of British troops for Canada. The Captain of the *Sea Kung*, now the *Shenandoah*, had been again arrested, charged with enlisting men for that vessel. He was admitted to bail. It is denied that the Queen will open Parliament in person. The shipping of the Atlantic telegraph cable from the works of Messrs. GLASS, ELIOT & Co. to the vessels which are to convey it to the steamship *Great Eastern*, commenced on the 19th of January, and will continue without intermission until the end of May, when all the cable will be coiled on board of the great ship. In the Spanish Senate the opposition moved an amendment to the Queen's address, declaring a new electoral law necessary, demanding representation for the Antilles, and the preservation of San Domingo to Spain.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Gold Room ranged about the same yesterday as on Wednesday—205¼@203¼@205½. Government Stocks steady; the railway speculation dull. Money easy.

A less extensive business was reported yesterday in the principal kinds of produce and merchandise; prices, in most instances, favored purchasers. Very moderate freight engagements transpired.

The collections of Internal Revenue in this city for the month of January amount to $3,214,676 35.

Mr. HORACE CUSHING, of No. 18 West Thirty-third-street, committed suicide on the morning of the 25th ult., by leaping from a second-story window. An inquest in the case was concluded yesterday by Coroner GAMBLE.

JOHN BEND, a sailor, leaped from a window in the fourth story of the Sailors' Home, in Cherry-street, yesterday morning, and was instantly killed. An inquest was held by Coroner COLLIN.

GEORGE WHITE, having been sentenced to the Penitentiary, committed suicide by hanging on board the Blackwell's Island boat.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce took place yesterday. A report by the Executive Committee was read, favoring a general tax on all sales of merchandise for increasing the internal revenues; favoring the prosecution of the work of extending the canal facilities of the country, as affecting the trade between the East and the West by the Great Ship Canal; urging the necessity of having a mail steamship line from California to China, and recommending the establishment of a naval mail ship line between this country and Brazil. The report, with resolutions to a similar effect, was adopted. The Arbitration Committee submitted a report in favor of the bill now before Congress for establishing a general bankruptcy law, which was adopted. The report on the Reciprocity Treaty was also presented and adopted. A letter was read by the Secretary, Mr. J. A. STEVENS, presenting to the Chamber on behalf of himself and a number of other gentlemen, a portrait of JOHN ALSOP, one of the incorporators and the first President of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Kings County Board of Supervisors are about to issue Bounty Fund Bonds to the amount of $500,000, redeemable on the 1st of May, 1875. Bids for the bonds will be received up to Wednesday, the 8th inst.

AMELIA LAMBERT, a girl 15 years of age, was found lying on the sidewalk in Myrtle-avenue, Brooklyn, yesterday, suffering from small-pox. The girl stated she had been in service in the family of GEORGE SWAIN, who live at the corner of Hamilton avenue and Summit-street, and that on discovering she was sick with small-pox, they turned her out of the house.

The Board of Councilmen yesterday adopted an ordinance making it a penal offence to take recruits from this city to other localities. Resolutions donating $2,000 to the Five Points' House of Industry, and a like sum to the Five Points' Mission, were adopted, and the board adjourned to Monday next. The Board of Aldermen did not meet yesterday.

Chief-Justice CHASE, on the 31st ult., delivered his first elaborate opinion in the Supreme Court. It happened to be on a question of international importance. A few days after taking New-Orleans, the steamer *Circassian* was captured by one of our vessels while attempting to run the blockade into New-Orleans, under the impression that it was still in rebel possession. The owner of the *Circassian* claimed that although they had intended to run the blockade, yet, New-Orleans having been taken by our forces, the blockade was therefore raised, and the voyage of their vessel was thus converted into a lawful one, for which it cannot be taken as a prize. The Chief-Justice held that the occupation of the city by our forces did not raise the blockade, and that it was not raised until the President had, by proclamation, declared the port open one. All the Judges concurred in his decision except Justice NELSON, who gave a dissenting opinion.

It is understood that Congressman MCBRIDE, of Oregon, has received the appointment of Chief Justice of Idaho.

A paper was read before the American Geographical and Statistical Society last evening, by Mr. FRANKLIN B. HOUGH, Superintendent of the State Census of 1855, giving a historical sketch of the census in New-York, and a statement of the plan of the census to be taken in this State during the present year.

A correspondent, writing from Memphis, alludes to the cotton trade thus: "Cotton is now coming in pretty freely, some thirty thousand bales having been brought in since the 1st of January. On last Thursday, from some cause or other, it declined to ninety-eight, on Friday it recovered and went up to a dollar and ten, but has again declined. The operators do not pretend to assign a reason for this fluctuation. There is a great deal of cotton still in the country, and all that is needed to get it out is the carrying out of President LINCOLN'S instructions and the regulations of the Treasury Department."

THE NEW-YORK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE BANKRUPT BILL.—The committee of the New-York Chamber of Commerce, to which the petition of the Boston Chamber against the Bankrupt Bill was referred, made yesterday a pointed and conclusive report in favor of the measure as it now stands before the Senate. The committee have come to the conclusion—and in this we are satisfied the great body of our New-York merchants agree with them—that the bill, in the shape in which it passed the House of Representatives, is so framed as to give ample assurance of protection to the interests of the creditor. The committee do not feel competent to declare in an unqualified manner whether, by any positive enactments of Congress rebel debtors in the South may be prevented from profiting by the proposed law. But they point out that much time must in any case elapse before debts due to our merchants here can be collected at the South—time at least sufficient to enable the dishonest debtor to place his assets beyond the reach of his creditors.

This is, in the main, the view that has been presented in these columns time and again. If the local statutes in force prior to the rebellion have wiped out—as they probably have done—nine-tenths of the indebtedness of Southern merchants to the North, what redress is there in merely leaving the bankrupt law as it now stands? That is the main point for the opponents of the bill to answer. And it is satisfactory to find the leading commercial body in the United States taking the decided stand it does in favor of the proposed law. The Senate is not supposed to be subject to strong outside influence. But we venture to hope that a measure which is so loudly called for by the mass of the people, and which received so emphatic an indorsement by the House, will be passed without any further unnecessary delay.

The Peace Palaver.

The President and Secretary of State have gone to meet the emissaries from Richmond. If they find them empowered and inclined to talk of peace on the basis of Union, we presume they will be permitted to come to Washington. If their only errand is to insist on independence, probably they will have leave to return at once to their own capital.

This action of the Administration seems to us judicious. It certainly is as respectful and deferential as the most fastidious could desire: while it saves the country from the interminable speculations which would follow the appearance of these gentlemen in Washington. If they were to visit that city they would hold a perpetual levee. Every "peace man," in Congress and out, would call to pay his respects and converse concerning the prospects of peace. Every time one of these ambassadors winked, far-sighted reporters would announce the fact to an anxious world, and would build thereon conclusions of momentous import concerning the fate of the nation. The telegraphic wires would groan under reports of what they said and how they looked. A touch of indigestion on the part of Mr. STEPHENS in the morning would send gold higher than a kite; while if Mr. HUNTER should be seen to look smilingly out of Willard's seventeenth story window, Wall-street would regard peace as certain to be concluded within twenty minutes. What CAMPBELL might say to Noodle, or what his body-servant might hint to Doodle, would be repeated confidentially to a hundred and fifty persons within an hour. Politicians who are still looking for Southern votes and talking about slavery with bated breath lest they should offend their "natural allies," would sit at the feet of these rebel Gamaliels to catch drops of comfort and wisdom for the edification of their party at home. It would, of course, be the cue of this diplomatic trio to encourage their friends and perplex their enemies as much as possible. They would say to each precisely what would answer their purpose best, and if they did not succeed in persuading our Government to stop the war, we may rely upon it they would leave behind them a party duly instructed and thoroughly inclined to throw the blame upon the President and his advisers.

President LINCOLN has spoiled this little game by a very simple expedient. Instead of bringing the Commissioners to Washington he has gone to them in the camp. He is perfectly willing to hear whatever they may have to say, but he don't intend they shall talk to miscellaneous audiences or promulgate their discourses at random through the public press. The country will commend his discretion.

Unquestionably the appearance of Peace Commissioners in our camp is a fact of considerable importance. It either indicates a disposition for peace, or a necessity for satisfying public sentiment at the South that peace is unattainable. In either case it shows that we are making progress in the war. It is the first time the rebel authorities have made any advances toward peace, and some motive of more than ordinary weight must have moved them now. The more sanguine believe that they are satisfied the rebellion is a failure, their independence hopeless, and peace an absolute necessity for the Southern people. If they have really come to this conclusion, and are ready to act upon it, then peace is undoubtedly near at hand, for we have not the slightest doubt that, upon all secondary and minor points, they will be met and treated with the utmost liberality by the President. We confess we have as yet seen nothing to satisfy us that the rebel authorities have reached this mood.

The Popularity of the Constitutional Amendment.

The Amendment obtained a majority in the House exceeding expectation. Its popularity, as now manifesting itself through the country, is more surprising yet. It is not only hailed with universal joy by the friends of the Administration, but it receives the willing acceptance, if not the positive favor, of the party which heretofore has stood firmly by every interest of slavery. The "Democracy," which always before the war rallied with peculiar spirit upon the slavery-protecting sections of the Constitution, and whose great watchword since the war, has been "the Constitution as it is," now move not a step in earnest, or lift a finger, to save slavery. A certain force of habit causes a portion of them to mouth a phrase or two of dissent, but there is no heart in it. They neither make, nor attempt to make, any serious fight. Whether or not they have the grace to welcome the right, they at least have the sense to recognize the inevitable.

The truth is, that this amendment is merely supplementary work—a form to close up what has already become essentially a finality. It is burying that from which the life has departed, and which stinks in the nostrils. The war had already given slavery its death-wound. What the amendment has to do is only to shovel it under, beyond resurrection.

The Southern people themselves, with all their errors and delusions, do not longer imagine that slavery can be saved. They have gradually come to a full understanding that the institution must come to an end without alternative. They realize that the armies of the "Confederacy" cannot be kept up to the fighting standard without enlisting such numbers of the slaves, and emancipating such numbers of their wives and children, as would make it objectless to try to keep the remainder in bondage. They also are as sensible that slavery could never enjoy peace and security again under a restored Union—that even at best, its existence would be a constant conflict, and an intolerable plague.

The change of feeling here in the North toward slavery since the war commenced is deemed wonderful. All the former charity which so largely prevailed has fallen into unqualified aversion, and all the former aversion has sunk into intensest detestation. All this has been the result of the tremendous attrition of the war—an attrition which has gradually ground to powder every pro-slavery bias here in the North. This effect here is patent to everybody; but we are too apt to make no account of any corresponding change in the South. We easily assume that the Southern people have yet the same intense attachment to slavery that so strongly characterized them at the beginning of the contest. The thing is morally impossible. To suppose it is to suppose the Southern people "stocks and stones," incapable of all reflection, insensible to all experience. The great fact has been brought home to them, as never before, that the moral sentiment of the world is irreconcilably opposed to slavery. Before the war they had deluded themselves into the belief that the civilized world might be converted to pro-slavery ideas; or, at least, that its interests in the staples produced by slavery would secure a general friendship toward their Government. The matter has been put to a test, and it is found that the European sentiment against slavery is as firmly planted as Gibraltar—that all considerations, whether material or political, in favor of breaking up the American Union, and securing success to the "Confederacy," are absolutely null before this moral intolerance of what is deemed an outrage upon humanity.

How can it be supposed that a proud people can complacently cling to an institution which thus precludes every helping hand, even in their most trying hour, from those who would fain be their best friends? They may assume very independent tones about it; but it is not in civilized human nature to be insensible to such an alienation from the sympathies of the world. It is not possible for the Southern people to retain their old devotion to slavery, after such a practical realization that slavery puts them under the ban.

It is getting plain to the rebels that their attainment of independence is impossible. The South is daily becoming more and more shut up to the single question, whether to come back to the Union or to consent to foreign connections, which will be equivalent to a foreign protectorate. Slavery has no practical concern in either decision. In all Southern discussions, it is admitted or implied that both alike would involve its abandonment. And what is particularly observable is, that this necessity is nowhere urged as a reason for standing out against either course. The great feeling appealed to against returning to the Union, is pride; and the great argument plied is the loss of State rights. The saving of slavery appears to be no longer an object of hope or thought. We have yet to see the first intimation in the Southern press that the prospective passage of the Constitutional amendment destroying slavery forever, is a new motive for remaining out of the Union. It is not recognized as having any bearing upon the question; and its adoption by the loyal States will not retard restoration one instant.

Our State Legislatures, twenty-two of which are now in session, are vieing with each other, in the promptness of their adoption of the Amendment. The ratification of the entire twenty-seven, necessary to give it effect, it is now quite certain, will be secured before the year closes.

Prize Laws—Case of the Circassian.

The first of that series of cases before our prize courts which have given rise to so much discussion, oftentimes acrimonious, in England and France, about the principles of prize law and the rights of neutrals, has reached a final decision in the Supreme Court of the United States. We refer to the case of the *Circassian*, in which Chief Justice CHASE a few days since rendered the decision of the court, affirming the decree of condemnation entered against the vessel and her cargo by Judge MARVIN, in the District Court of Florida.

The case occurred some time ago, and the facts of it may have perhaps been driven out of our readers' memories by the many other prize cases which have since that time occupied the attention more prominently. The *Circassian* was sent from Bordeaux on an ostensible voyage to Havana. She was owned by ZACHARIAH C. PEARSON, that unlucky Mayor of Hull, whose ventures in the blockade-running business ultimately landed him in the Bankruptcy Court. When she was about to be captured by the *Somerset*, being then about thirty miles from Havana, her Master burned up a package of letters; but, in other letters which were not destroyed, there was found conclusive proof that the vessel was sent from Bordeaux with the intention to touch at Havana, and then to enter the port of New-Orleans, in violation of the blockade then existing. The evidence on this point, according to the statement of it, in the opinion of the District Judge, was not open to question. The owner of the vessel in his charter-party agreed that she should break the blockade if required; and the charterer agreed with some of the shippers of goods on board that she should break it; some of the bills of lading consigned the goods directly to merchants at New-Orleans, to whom also there were letters directed, and no bill of lading called for their delivery anywhere else.

As to these facts there could not be very much dispute, and the appeal would hardly have been rested on the facts of the case. It doubtless brought up the question whether, admitting that the vessel was intended to go from Havana to New-Orleans, she could be made a lawful prize while she was on her way to Havana. There have not been wanting those who have argued that a capture, under such circumstances, was unauthorized. The contrary rule has been attacked as an innovation upon old rules, and an attack upon the rights of honest neutrals, which, if sustained by our court of last resort, would justify reprisals upon our Government.

The affirmance of this case of the *Circassian*, as we understand it, does affirm the correctness of this rule. We doubt not that the reasoning of the decision of the court is clear enough to satisfy justice. Whether it will satisfy those who have lost the immense profits which they had anticipated from running the blockade under the protection of opposite views of the law, may well be doubted.

But the decision points to an affirmance by the court of those views of prize law which we have maintained, and we think that foreign Governments will hesitate before they treat the judgments of that tribunal as so wanting in equity as to justify reprisals.

Our Relations with Canada—An Alien Bill Under Discussion.

A bill of more than local interest was passed to its second reading in the Canadian House of Assembly on Tuesday. It is a measure giving power to the Provincial Government, under certain conditions, to remove such aliens from the country as may have proved themselves unworthy of an asylum therein. In other words, it is an alien act of a most stringent character, framed in part upon various British acts, such as those passed in 1772, in 1802, 1803, 1814, 1815 and 1848; as also in part upon the statute passed by the American Congress in 1888, to prevent incursions hence into the Provinces during the insurrectionary epoch.

We publish this morning the most important portion of the debate which took place on the motion for the second reading of the bill. From this debate we discover in the speeches of the Liberal Conservative Ministers that they are determined to take the most effectual legislative precautions against future raids, while the *Rouge* or Red Republican party, in alliance with the Tories, denounce any interference with the liberty which the "raiders" have heretofore enjoyed. No opposition of practical account, however, could be made to the progress of the bill, which passed to its second reading by an overwhelming majority.

Among the more stringent provisions of this proposed Alien Act, we find certain that are worth notice. Upon the complaint of a resident of the Province, the Governor-General may order an alien to leave the Province at any time within His Excellency's own discretion, after giving intimation of the intended expulsion through the *Official Gazette*. No personal notification is required to be given. If the order of expulsion is neglected or disobeyed, the alien may be imprisoned without process of law, and simply upon the Governor's warrant. The term of imprisonment for disobedience is limited to twelve months. The chief mitigating features in favor of the alien are that he is supplied with a summary of the charges brought against him, and may be allowed, if it is thought proper, to offer rebutting evidence before the Governor in Council to prove his innocence. The act otherwise is evidently intended to be of the most summary kind. And we gather incidentally from the debate that it has been strongly urged upon the Provincial authorities by the Imperial Government.

THE COMING DRAFT.—Messrs. ANDREWS and BELL, of the State Senate, have succeeded in securing a suspension of that portion of the approaching draft which was added to the original quota of New-York by the order of Jan. 24. This will reduce the draft at the outset about *one-fifth*,—to about 16,000 in this city. The propriety of the increased quota demanded by Gen. FRY is to be made the subject of further inquiry.

We trust these gentlemen will be able to give us, upon their return, some intelligible explanation of the grounds on which the original quota was so largely increased. The subject thus far seems to have been involved in impenetrable mystery. It is alleged that a *revision* of the original quota showed this increase to be necessary. But why? Was the original calculation incorrect? Was it an error in arithmetic, or were credits allowed which ought not to have been? Neither the Governor nor our Board of Supervisors, nor anybody else, so far as we are aware, has any knowledge whatever on this point. We hope the Senate Committee will have succeeded in extracting some information from the Provost-Marshal-General which will enlighten the public mind. We can then judge of the justice of the loud complaints so universally made of the action of that official.

SENATOR WADE AND THE PRESIDENT.—We fear that Senator WADE is falling into a chronic state of discontent. He seems to be especially indignant with the President for having allowed Mr. BLAIR to go to Richmond, and declared his determination a day or two since, to "*know* how he came to do it, if there is power in the United States Senate to be informed on that subject." We share Mr. WADE'S curiosity and his disapprobation to some extent; but so old and so accomplished a statesman as he is ought to know that there are some things which the President of the United States may do without asking consent of the Senate, and without holding himself responsible to the Ohio Senator.

AMERICAN MILITARY AND NAVAL IMPROVEMENTS.—No matter what great national advantages are to be gained by a decided military or naval improvement, there are always those who are unwilling that the country should be benefited except through themselves. The great opposition with which the introduction of the Monitor system has been met is an illustration of this. To prove the uselessness or inferiority of monitors, a long list of iron-clads, belonging to the French and English navies, are quoted, carrying a large number of guns, and it is left to be inferred that as we have not such a number of vessels of this class, with such a large armament, we should have but little chance against these Powers in a naval war. The facts are, however, the very reverse of what they appear on the surface to be.

The English and French have tried to construct sea-going iron-clads *on the previously existing type of the wooden war vessel.* They have constructed a large number of good sea-going vessels, but not one of them accomplishes the only purpose of an iron-clad ship—that of resisting the heaviest shot that can be fired at them.

We have begun quite in the other direction by first trying to make a perfect iron-clad that would float; this all our early monitors could do; and we believe that in the *Dunderberg*, and perhaps also in the *Dictator* and *Puritan*, we have improved upon this type so far as to make a sea-going iron-clad.

Added to this we have constructed the only successfully large bore ordnance capable of penetrating ordinary iron plates, and we therefore in such vessels as the larger monitors concentrate the greatest power of aggression with the greatest power of resistance of any existing naval construction.

We have done all this at a very small per centage of the cost expended by either England or France upon their iron-clads. These vessels may be far from accomplishing all that could be wished; but what little they profess to do they do well, and they do this by aiming directly and in a common-sense way to do simply what they profess. The vessels with which they are contrasted have huge pretensions, not one of which they are able successfully to maintain.

Amusements.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Mr. MARETZEK'S season commenced last evening, under auspices that were most flattering to the *impresario* and agreeable to the audience. The house was full, and the weather was fine. We have seldom seen a more fashionable assembly. The boxes were filled, the parquet and balcony crowed, and up stairs the lieges—who were privileged to hear good music for little money—cropped out in black but not picturesque masses. "Don Sebastian" was played. Mad. ZUCCHI, as the heroine, renewed the triumphs of last season. She was in superb voice, and threw into the *rôle* of *Zaida* all that subdued intensity which belongs to the best school of Italian art, but is exhibited to us but rarely on the American stage. Sig. MASSIMILIANI'S *rentrée* is memorable for the fact that it marks a distinct improvement in his style. His manner is no longer indifferent. He acts. In the *ritornelli*, which are embarrassing to the best dramatic artists, he succeeded last evening in giving a bearable idea of the emotion—or change of emotion—intended by the composer, and throughout he exhibited strength, individuality, and even power. We record these facts with pleasure, because the defect of Signor MASSIMILIANI'S style, so far, has been a lack of warmness and identification with the character he was interpreting. In every other respect the gentleman's impersonation was admirable. He has seldom been in better voice. The romanza at the end of the second act was superbly rendered—the high note flowing easily and melodiously from his well-trained voice. Signor BELLINI—most conscientious, enthusiastic, and striving of artist—was excellent as *Camoens*. The performance, indeed, was in all respects a happy inauguration of a season which, although the last, bids fair to be the most brilliant on Mr. MARETZEK'S honorable record.

To-night (Friday) AUBER'S opera of "Fra Diavolo" will be given; and on Saturday, at the matinée, "Il Poliuto."

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.
WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 2.

THE FARRAGUT TESTIMONIAL.

Mr. MARSHALL, of the New-York Chamber of Commerce, arrived here this morning with the testimonial to Vice-Admiral FARRAGUT, consisting of $50,000 in 7-30 United States bonds, contributed by the merchants and business men of New-York. Mr. MARSHALL presented the box containing the bonds in a neat and appropriate speech, and the Admiral made a most felicitous acknowledgment of the substantial token of regard for his eminent services.

THE NEW-YORK QUOTA AND THE COMING DRAFT.

A delegation of leading New-Yorkers arrived here this morning, among whom are ORISON BLUNT, WM. M. TAUMAN, and P. M. WETMORE, on the subject of the draft. They have been in conference with the proper authorities, but with what success, is not known. They will not leave for some days. Secretary STANTON has been applied to to-day by leading gentlemen from different States to postpone the coming draft for two or three weeks, but he declines to interfere.

THE TAX ON TOBACCO.

The Ways and Means Committee consumed their entire session to-day in discussing the tax on tobacco. Many members of the committee think it would be better to tax manufactured articles by the pound. It has been shown by both assessors and collectors that the present mode of taxing this article is altogether too intricate, and that it needs simplification.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 2.

THE APPRAISERS IN THE NEW-YORK CUSTOM-HOUSE.

The Treasury Department has sent to Representative WASHBURNE, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, the draft of a bill amendatory of the law relative to the Appraisers in the New-York Custom-house. It provides for the appointment by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, of an appraiser and nine assistant appraisers, one of which shall act in lieu of the special examiner of drugs and medicines, in place of the clerks now employed. The Secretary of the Treasury may appoint such examiners, upon examination of the appraiser as may be necessary, and also the clerks, samplers and messengers: shall limit and fix their number and compensation; and all are forbidden to act as agents or participate in any commercial or mercantile business. The salary of the appraiser is fixed at $5,000, and the assistants, $3,500 each.

REVOLUTIONARY PENSIONERS.

The House to-day unanimously passed a bill giving a gratuity of $300 a year to each of the five surviving revolutionary pensioners, in addition to the pension of $100 which they now receive. In January, 1864, there were only twelve remaining, seven of whom have since died. The names of the only survivors are as follows: LEMUEL COOK, enlisted in Hatfield, Mass., ninety-eight years of age, now residing at Clarendon, Orleans County, N. Y.; SAMUEL DOWNEY, enlisted in Carroll County, N. H., ninety-eight years of age, now living at Edenburgh, Saratoga County, N. Y.; WILLIAM HUTCHINS, enlisted in Newcastle, Me., one hundred years of age, residing at Penobscot, Me.; ALEXANDER MASONEY, enlisted at Lake George, N. Y., as a drummer boy, ninety-four years of age, residing at Yates, Orleans County, N. Y.; JAMES BEARTHAM, a substitute for a drafted man in Southampton County, Va., living in Missouri, in his one hundred and first year.

The War in the Southwest.

LOUISVILLE, Thursday, Feb. 2.

Major-Gen. BURBRIDGE and Col. FARLEIGH returned to-day—the former resuming his command, and the latter, for the present, his position as commandant of his post.

Yesterday's Nashville *Union* says intelligence, entirely reliable, reports that TAYLOR'S (late HOOD'S) army is rapidly disbanding, and that deserters by hundreds are coming into our lines.

GRAND TEMPERANCE FESTIVAL.—Last evening, Division No. 99 Sons of Temperance held a grand festival in the Tabernacle, corner of Noble-street and Union-avenue, Greenpoint. About 450 ladies and gentlemen were seated at the well-spread tables. D. P. WATKINS, W. P., presided, and addresses were delivered by Rev. T. S. CUTLER and others.

FROM SAVANNAH.

Return of the Relief Ship Rebecca Clyde.

The Reception of the Supplies at Savannah.

Enthusiastic Meeting of the Citizens.

DETAILS OF THE GREAT CONFLAGRATION.

Two Hundred and Twenty-five Buildings Burned.

Explosion of the Rebel Naval Arsenal

The steamer *Rebecca Clyde*, which, it will be remembered, was generously given by the New-York and Washington Steamship Company to carry the New-York supplies to the needy of Savannah, arrived off Quarantine last night, having on board the deputation sent by the Chamber of Commerce and Produce Exchange to superintend the distribution of their bounty, Messrs. Archibald Baxter, C. H. P. Babcock and Frank Lathrop. The *Clyde* brings full details of the meeting of the inhabitants of Savannah, held 25th ult., to express their gratitude for the timely aid furnished by their brethren in the North. She also brings accounts of a great fire which occurred in Savannah on the night of the 27th, resulting in the destruction of no less than 225 buildings, including the Confederate Arsenal, which contained a large quantity of fixed ammunition, the explosion of which added considerably to the damage. The cargo of the *Rebecca Clyde* consists of 500 bales of cotton, for Government account, and 172 tierces rice, belonging to the City of Savannah.

The New-York deputation, now returned, have addressed the following letter to the owners of the *Rebecca Clyde*. It will be seen by it that the supplies from this city reached Savannah far in advance of those from Boston or Philadelphia; indeed one of the most puzzling circumstances to the good people of Savannah was the celerity with which the New-York relief was afforded, for it was only a day or two before the arrival of the *Clyde* that they had any intimation of the movement on their behalf.

Off Staten Island, Feb. 2, 1865.

To the New-York and Washington Steamship Co.:

Gentlemen: As our voyage in your steamer *Rebecca Clyde* is now all but ended, it becomes our duty, representing the Chamber of Commerce and Produce Exchange, to return to you our heartfelt thanks for the hospitality we have received on board, not only on the passage to and from Savannah, but during our sojourn there. We take pleasure in adding that Capt. Willets, with his officers and crew, have been unremitting in their efforts to promote our comfort, and by thorough discipline and strict attention to their duties, have inspired us throughout with the utmost confidence. In fact, every detail of the steamer's part, in the movement for the relief of the needy of Savannah, has been carried on in the same magnanimous spirit which prompted your original offer.

We can but regret that the delay which occurred at Savannah should have so prolonged the voyage as to make the sacrifice incurred by you a much greater one, in a pecuniary point of view, than could at first have been anticipated; and we trust you will find your reward in the reflection not only that your noble little steamship was the first, by almost a week, to reach Savannah with succor from the North, but that her errand of mercy, so faithfully carried out, entitles her to be classed hereafter with the *Jamestown*, *George Griswold*, and other ships consecrated to the cause of suffering humanity.

ARCHIBALD BAXTER,
C. H. P. BABCOCK,
FRANK LATHROP.

We are indebted to the gentlemen of the committee for files of late Southern papers, and other interesting matter.

THE SAVANNAH CONFLAGRATION.

Two Destructive Fires in One Night—Two Hundred and Twenty-five Buildings Burned—Explosion of the Rebel Naval Magazine—Fearful and Exciting Scenes—Gallant Rescue of the Women and Children by the Soldiers.

From the Savannah Republican, Jan. 28.

At a few minutes past 6 o'clock last evening the streets of our city again resounded with the peal of the fire alarm from the belfry of the Exchange, and at the same time dense volumes of smoke were discovered issuing from the large double tenement four-story brick building on the north side of Broughton-street. The fire, which is supposed to be the fiendish work of an incendiary, originated in the cellar of the western tenement, which was used as a miscellaneous store-room, and filled with cotton, resin, leather, furniture and other combustible material. The upper portion of the building was occupied by several families, and so rapid was the progress of the flames, that all modes of egress and ingress were cut off, the smoke curling up the stairs in dense volumes, bidding defiance to all attempts to enter the building.

As soon as it became known that there were several persons still in the building, including women and children, unable to escape, a thrill of fearful horror ran through the vast crowd and the greatest excitement prevailed. Presently the windows in the second and third stories were opened, and there at the casemates could be dimly discerned the forms of three or four women—one a terrified mother clasping her innocent infant in her arms. The multitude cheer and shout, rending the air with their cries of warming, "Jump for your lives, we'll save you;" "for God's sake jump, woman;" "jump on to the mattress, no danger;" "jump, we'll catch you," &c., while an expression of the deepest solicitude and horror was depicted upon the upturned sea of anxious faces. Brave men, with mouths open, stood ready with mattresses to rescue the inmates, if they could only be prevailed upon to take the fearful leap for life. Higher and more dense arose the clouds of smoke each moment, and soon the forked flames hissed savagely, threatening the total destruction of the building. No time was to be lost. Either the dizzy leap must be made or all would perish. Through the nebulous film that partly obscured the form of the panic-stricken women who stood shuddering with dismay, we caught the glimpse of a woman preparing to jump from the third story. More hearty cheers rolled up from the trembling crowd; one woman seeing no hope of escape from the horrible fate that was momentarily threatening her, jumped and was caught on a large mattress by the soldiers, sustaining no injury beyond a slight shock and considerable fright. From the second-story window, a fond mother threw her babe upon the mattress and jumped out immediately after it. Both were rescued without injury save the slight concussion, by the noble veterans.

The first occupant who plunged from the building was a colored woman, who was caught in the arms of the soldiers. As soon as it was ascertained that all were saved, a wild shout of joy went up, and each soldier appeared anxious to test the full capacity of his lungs. The lower portion of the building, which was completely gutted, was occupied by Mrs. O'Brien as a millinery and dressmaking store. Mrs. O'Brien's loss in stock and furniture will amount to $1,500. The L part of the building, which was entirely destroyed, was occupied by Mrs. Michel Fanebrast, whose loss will be about $1,000. Mr. Thos. Daniel's loss will amount to $8,000. There was no insurance on either building or goods, and the loss falls heavily on those who can ill afford it.

By the active and determined efforts of the soldiers, the flames were entirely subdued by 8 o'clock, and had it not been for their energy and stubborn will, a most destructive conflagration would have swept over our city.

Another and Far More Destructive Fire—Explosion of the Old Rebel Navy Magazine—Two Squares in Ashes.

From the Savannah Republican, Feb. 28.

Savannah, Ga., Saturday, Jan. 28—3:30 A. M.

As we go to press one of the most fearful catastrophies that has ever occurred in this section of our country, is in progress. At 11:30 o'clock the alarm of fire was again sounded from the steeple of the Exchange for the Third District. The firemen were soon on the spot, and found a small row of wooden buildings in flames. The wind was blowing a strong easterly gale, and the fire spread with frightful rapidity, utterly baffling all attempts on the part of the soldiers and firemen to stay its progress. Several small buildings were torn down in order to prevent the spreading of the flames, and if possible avert the dreadful dangers consequent upon the burning of the old rebel navy magazine, which was known to be stored with a large amount of heavy rebel ammunition and a considerable quantity of powder. As the heavens grew red with the fiery element, the air was filled with sparks resembling a golden shower. In a very short time the news spread like wildfire through the city that the magazine was on fire with *fifty tons* of powder, and several hundred shells stored therein. This report alarmed and horrified every one in the city, and created a great panic throughout the entire city limits, extending even through the camps. Thousands of people arose from their beds, and began to make preparations for their safety, which could only be had by fleeing beyond the range of bursting shells and crumbling walls. In half an hour the worst fears were confirmed, by the explosion of the first shell which burst and sent its fragments hissing through the air. It less than five minutes a fearful series of explosions took place, resembling a furious bombardment, followed by terrific flashes as fast as the powder ignited. We have reports that lives have been lost, but owing to the dire confusion it is utterly impossible to give any accounts or reliable statements. We have authentic information that one soldier was quite severely wounded and a colored boy killed. Doubtless there are many casualties of different kinds resulting from this awful disaster. Dozens of poor families have been rendered houseless by the fire, and, owing to the freezing state of the atmosphere, their sufferings must be intense.

We shall issue an extra at an early hour, containing all the particulars of this deplorable calamity.

8:30 o'clock A. M., Saturday, Jan. 28.

LATER—A DIABOLICAL ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP THE CITY.

Lieut. T. J. Spencer, Depot Ordnance Officer, "Military Division of the Mississippi," has just brought us the astounding intelligence that some fiend had placed a keg of powder at the side of the Arsenal, corner of York and Whitaker streets. This was undoubtedly placed there to blow up the city, as the Arsenal contains over thirty tons of powder. The keg was placed in the shawdow of one of the trees, to avoid its being discovered. A single spark would easily have carried out the hellish designs of the wretches, as the top of the keg was entirely open.

THE SUPPLIES AT SAVANNAH.

Enthusiastic Reception of the Rebecca Clyde and Her Cargo—Large Meeting of Citizens—Speeches, Resolutions, &c.

From the Savannah Republican Jan. 26.

The citizens' meeting at the Exchange yesterday noon, to respond to the generous contributions of the New-York, Boston and Philadelphia people for our needy, was one of the most enthusiastic and sympathetic assemblages that has ever convened in the "Forest City." Owing to the very short notice which was given to the public of the meeting, it was feared that the attendance would not be commensurate with the occasion, but long before the hour announced for the opening of the meeting, the Council Chamber in the Exchange was crowded with a large number of the most prominent citizens of Savannah. From the portico of the Exchange, the superb band of the Seconc Brigade, Second Division, Twentieth Army Corps, led by Mr. David H. Bowen, filled the air with harmonious sounds prior to the opening of the meeting. At 12½ o'clock the Council Chamber was filled to overflowing, hundreds being unable to obtain admission, or even standing room within sound of the speakers' voices. We experienced a thrill of delight, as we cast a glance at the audience crowded within those historic walls. We instinctively contrasted the present hour with that of six weeks since, and, as we silently reverted to the dreary pictures of the past, our hearts were filled with deep gratitude for the privilege of being permitted to live to witness such a glorious metamorphosis in the sentiments of so many who, but a few months ago, could find no language strong enough in which to express their denunciation and hatred for the Government of the United States and the Northern people.

We were glad to notice the presence of the honest, hard-working mechanics of our city, the industrious classes, whose skill and enterprise have in the past by contributed so much toward the rapid development, growth and prosperity of Savannah. It was encouraging, and augured well, not only for the future progress of Savannah, but for the State of Georgia, to see such a gathering of intellectual, earnest, thinking men devoting themselves heart, soul and body to the objects of the meeting. It was an inspiring scene, and one which we shall not soon forget.

On motion of Mr. H. Brigham, His Honor, Mayor Arnold, was called to the chair, and Mr. John Gammell was requested to act as Secretary.

The Mayor, on taking the chair, made the following remarks:

Fellow-Citizens: For the second time since the capture of our city it has become my duty to summon you to meet together in public assembly. The occasion which brings you together to-day is one which will ever be remarkable even in the annals of the last few weeks,—so pregnant as they have been by events which make reports in history, and which almost condense a life-time in a day. A brief record of the circumstances under which we were placed will be necessary for a clearer understanding of our present condition. The capture of Savannah on the 21st December, 1864, produced greater alterations in our condition than mere military possession and military government. The Confederate currency, already inflated to an almost nominal value, was still the medium of Exchange while Savannah was in the Confederacy, but the moment the United States regained Savannah, Confederate money was literally not worth the paper on which it was printed, and all of us, the City Government, were reduced to a dead level of poverty. Cut off from all communication with the external world, with no means to purchase provisions, and no provisions to purchase, I did not exaggerate your condition in my opening remarks on the 28th of December. The want of fuel was supplied, as far as practicable, by the direction of the noble Geary, and I am happy to state that at the earliest practicable period, his successor, Brevet Maj.-Gen. Grover, will take measures to furnish wood to our inhabitants. The statement made at the meeting of the citizens, and the observation of eye-witnesses from the North, struck a sympathetic chord in the breasts of many citizens of New-York and Boston, and recollecting the time-honored adage, *bis dat qui cito dat*, (he gives doubly who gives quickly,) in the shortest possible time, at the most inclement season of the year, behold the noble steamships winding their way southward, freighted with provisions, accompanied by the committees whose whole-souled philanthropy has been their sole guide. These ships, this acceptable freight, these philanthropic gentlemen of the committees of New-York and Boston are here; and it is to give you an opportunity of expressing your heart-felt gratitude that you have met together this day. I do not envy the man who is not willing to join heartily and sincerely in this expression of feeling, but I do not believe there is one such within the sound of my voice. I hope that this day will prove that the citizens of Savannah justly appreciate the generosity of New-York and Boston, and that they will further show that they look upon this action as the olive branch of peace, and that they will meet it on their part by the fairest, frankest acceptance of it as such. Such, from what I have seen, I believe to be the prevalent sentiment of our people. War stirs up the very foundation of society. We are now in the midst of jarring elements, but a ray of light is dawning. We may expect that it will lead to a more perfect day; and we must, in the meantime, endeavor to profit by the words of St. Paul: "Tribulation worketh patience, and patience experience, and experience hope."

He then introduced to the meeting the following gentlemen, viz.: Messrs. Archibald Baxter, C. H. P. Babcock, Frank Lathrop, representatives of the City of New-York; Messrs. H. O. Briggs, W. H. Baldwin, H. D. Hyde, representatives of the City of Boston; Mr. L. E. Chittenden, one of the owners of the steamer *Rebecca Clyde*; Mr. John M. Glidden, one of the owners of the steamer *Greyhound*; Capt. Veale, U. S. A., and Lieut. Charlotte, U. S. A., acting with the Relief Committee on part of the military authorities.

On motion, the Chair appointed the following committee of thirteen gentlemen to report resolutions, viz.:

W. Woodbridge, N. B. Knapp, T. R. Mills, William Hunter, G. W. Wylly, E. Padelford, A. Champion, A. A. Solomons, James McMahon, Isaac Cohen, T. J. Walsh, John R. Wilder, H. A. Crane.

During the absence of the committee, by invitation of the Chairman, the meeting was eloquently and appropriately addressed by the following gentlemen, viz.: Messrs. Baxter, Chittenden, Briggs, Baldwin and Hyde, and Capt. Veale, U. S. A.

Mr. Baxter, Chairman of the deputation from New-York, was the next speaker. He began by thanking the Mayor and Aldermen for the warm reception with which he and his associates had been greeted, and for the opportunity given of addressing them. He could not better improve that than by endeavoring to explain in a word or two the purport and meaning of his mission to Savannah. He would say first of all that it had no political significance whatever—unless its Union character could be considered such. He and his associates were not the representatives of any political party or parties at the North, but representated men of all shades of sentiment, who concurred in this demonstration of good will to the citizens of Savannah. Nor would he have any one believe that this mission of peace was indicative of any change of purpose on the part of the North to put down this rebellion by force of arms as long as any one State, city or individual continued in a state of insubordination to the authority of the Government and the laws. Neither was it to be considered as an insidious attempt to coax back or cajole the citizens of the South to their allegiance. To ascertain its true import, those now present would have to go back to their own previous meeting of 28th of December last, in which, like sensible men looking at their position full in the face, they recognized themselves as once more brought within the pale of the Union and admitting their obligations, claimed the advantages under the proclamation of the President. He said their action then, and the reported suffering amongst them, had awakened among the citizens of New-York those feelings of brotherhood, which through all those years of war had not been destroyed but had only slept. In proof of this he cited the resolutions of the New-York Chamber of Commerce, which plainly connected the Savannah meeting of 28th December with the New-York proceedings of 5th January; and in further confirmation of his views, he alluded to the fact that when New-Orleans, Vicksburg and other Southern cities had fallen, there was no movement in the North to relieve the wants of those communities, because there had been no expression of returning good sense and loyalty from any one of them. He rejoiced that it had been otherwise here; and he was ready to bear his testimony, when he went North again, to the manner in which his mission had been received by the people of Savannah. He further begged his hearers to believe that in no section of the North with which he was familiar, was there any thing like hostility or bitterness entertained toward the people of the South. They regarded them as deluded, misguided and infatuated in their attempts to overthrow the Government, but cherished still toward them every fraternal feeling, and their earnest purpose was to "bury by-gones with the past," as soon as ever the national authority should be restored. In this spirit, therefore, of love and kindness, had the people of New-York sent his associates and himself to the people of Savannah; with reciprocal feelings, he could not help thinking, he had been received, and so he hoped that from this friendly demonstration from the people of one section to those of another, there might spring results which would in after years be manifest in a greatly increased prosperity, happiness and concord among those who he hoped would then be—as of old—the citizens of one Republic.

Remarks were also made by Messrs. Chittenden, of New-York, and H. O. Briggs, of Boston.

The committee having returned, reported through their Chairman, W. Woodbridge, Esq., the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

The spontaneous and unsolicited liberality and benevolence of the citizens of New-York and Boston, in raising contributions and purchasing and forwarding provisions for the use of the destitute of the city of Savannah, call for no ordinary expression on the part of its citizens.

Deprived for years of all external trade, cut off from the commercial world by a rigid blockade, the resources of the town were gradually wasted away, until we had reached the point of almost positive starvation, when the occupation by the army of Gen. Sherman took place.

The transition state of society complicates our situation. The military power must obtain, so long as any portion of the Southern States maintains an armed resistance to the Union. Civil government cannot be established, nor the channels of ordinary intercourse be opened. While this lasts the people are comparatively helpless.

Such is the situation of Savannah, and such, in succession, will be the condition of the various portions of the country as they again fall into possession of the national Government.

The hand of sympatay and fellowship so generously extended to us by the citizens of New-York and Boston, affords the most gratifying evidence that a large portion of our Northern fellow-citizens are desirous of reëstablishing the amicable relations which formerly existed between the various sections of our wide-spread Republic, and ought to carry conviction to every unprejudiced mind that there is but one course to pursue, and that is to aim at a speedy termination of the unfortunate strife which has been devastating the country for nearly four years. Having appealed to arms to decide the question, the weaker party, in such a contest, must abide the issue of events, and cannot dictate terms.

But the Proclamation of President Lincoln has pointed out the only way in which the United States, with her unexhausted and inexhaustible materials of war, will consent to peace, and one of the largest meetings ever held in this city, on the 28th of December, placed the people of Savannah in the category presented by the Chief Magistrate.

The meeting called to-day to convey the thanks of our citizens to the generous donors of the provisions which are to be distributed gratuitously to the needy, is the direct fruit of this action, dictated as it was by the reasonable hope of rectifying the mistakes of the past, and reëstablishing, as far as possible, the prosperity which once blessed our land.

Whatever may be the action of the United States Government in the future, this meeting has to-day a duty to perform to the citizens of New-York and Boston in giving expression to the sentiment of the town in relation to the munificent bounty of which it is the grateful recipient.

The city is in the same condition as it was when the meeting of the 28th of December was held. The great difficulty is in the fact that the people are without remunerative industrial occupation, which the early opening of our port would speedily relieve. Let us hope that this may be remedied in reasonable time. Meanwhile the contributions of our generous donators are literally a godsend, for, as the scanty resources of living which were in the city when captured have been gradually consumed, literal starvation stared us in the face. We were relieved from any immediate fear of this calamity, and have at least respite until the present chaotic elements of our situation shall subside into order. Be it therefore

Resolved, That the citizens of Savannah tender their heartfelt gratitude to the Chamber of Commerce of New-York, to the New-York Commercial Association of the Produce Exchange, and all the liberal citizens of the City of New-York, who contributed means to purchase provisions, and also to the New-York and Washington Steamship Company, who so generously placed the steamship *Rebecca Clyde* at the service of the committee, for the transportation of the provision hither.

Resolved, That the same acknowledgment is due to the citizens of Boston for their prompt and liberal action in raising contributions and sending out provisions for the relief of our citizens, and also to the owners of the steamship *Greyhound*, for their generosity in furnishing transportation for the provisions; and that the place of their meeting in Faneuil Hall, the Cradle of American Liberty in the days of our common struggle for independence, was an appropriate one for the renewal of those ties which have bound Massachusetts and Georgia in common bond.

Resolved, That these expressions are not alone an offering from those whose necessities may induce them to accept the bounty so liberally bestowed, but are the wide utterance of a grateful community.

Resolved, That the thanks of the citizens of Savannah are eminently due and are hereby gratefully returned to Col. Julian Allen, of New-York, for his kindness in offering to advance the funds and to make purchases for the corporate authorities of the City of Savannah, until he could be reimbursed by shipments of rice, and also for his philanthropic exertions in bringing to the notice of the citizens of New-York and Boston, the destitute condition of our people, of which he became personally cognizant while among us.

Resolved, That our most cordial thanks are due, and are hereby returned to Messrs. Archibald Baxter, H. P. Babcock and Frank Lathrop, the committee on the part of the New-York contributors, and to Mr. L. E. Chittenden and the other owners of the *Rebecca Clyde*, and to Messrs. H. O. Briggs, W. H. Baldwin and Henry D. Hyde, committee on the part of the citizens of Boston, who, at this inclement season of the year have sacrificed the comforts of home, and braved the privations of a Winter voyage, to fulfill their mission of mercy and to Mr. Glidden and the other owners of the steamer *Greyhound*, for her gratuitous use in conveying the provisions.

Resolved, That the citizens of Savannah heard with profound regret, of the death or Edward Everett; his name and fame are the common pride of the country, but the City of Savannah will claim to hold in especial remembrance the fact that the last public act of his life was in behalf of her suffering people, and under circumstances which evinced that the kindness of his heart was note even exceeded by the brilliance of his intellect; they knew he was great, they feel he was good.

On motion of Mr. Wilbur, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That special copies of the proceedings of this meeting be forwarded by his Honor the Mayor, to the President of the United States, the President of the Chamber of Commerce of the City of New-York; the President of the Produce Exchange of New-York; to Gen. T. W. Sherman, Col. Julian Allen, of New-York; to his Honor the Mayor of the City of Boston, and the President of the Board of Trade of Boston.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

R. D. ARNOLD, Mayor of Savannah.
John Gammell, Secretary.

The Savannah Post-office.

The post-office in this city is for the benefit of the officers and soldiers of the Federal army, and bona-fide residents. No mail matter will be delivered for persons who are without the lines of the United States Army. Any person taking mail matter from the office addressed to any persons not within the lines of the army, will be immediately arrested.

A. H. MARKLAND,
Special Agent Post-office Department and Superintendent Mails for the U. S. A.

THE KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE.

Negro, Petroleum, Anti-Guerrilla, Bounty and Bank-Bills.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

Louisville, Saturday, Jan. 28, 1865.

The Senate, after resolving that it is this Legislature's duty to pass such laws about slavery as will most speedily remedy its demoralized condition, and so dignify labor as to offer inducements for free white laborers to settle in this State, passed a bill, that if any slave shall hereafter voluntarily leave his or her owner, the owner shall not be compelled to provide in any way for the absent slave; and will, I trust, pass the bill repealing all laws requiring the owner to pay a reward for the apprehension of a runaway, and all laws requiring the incarceration of runaways, and all laws fining the owner or hirer of a slave for licensing the slave to go at large and trade as a free man, or for permitting him to go at large and hire himself out for his own or another's benefit. There seems no doubt of this bill's passage by the House.

About as many coal-oil, salt, mining and manufacturing companies are being incorporated by the Legislature as there are counties in the State—110. It is estimated they will represent $70,000,000. The "oil fever" is raging in this city.

Numberless bills relieving Sheriffs robbed by guerrillas have passed.

The bill making all forms of guerrillaism, including rape, capital offences, which passed the Senate, has, I understand, passed the House.

Numerous bills authorizing counties to levy bounty money's have passed. This city is authorized to raise $100,000 bounty money.

The fadtasic Legislature, as well as the Kentucky, is pleasing the Sage for national banks. The Bank of the State of Indiana is authorized to wind up. All Kentucky banks, whether of issue orinot, will be authorized to settle up, and reorganize as national banks. Our old banks, for self-defence, have, throughout this war drawn in and kept in, their own paper, and done what business they have had with greenbacks; and now, for self-defence, they will apply to the Government for the privilege to bank on national currency.

PONTIAC.

OUR ALBANY CORRESPONDENCE.

The Constitutional Amendment—A Lively Debate in the Senate—Action not yet taken in the Assembly.

Albany, Thursday, Feb. 2, 1865.

A lively debate occurred in the Senate, this morning, on the question of adopting the resolution concurring in the action of Congress in relation to the proposed amendment of the Constitution of the United States. The resolution was adopted, after some able speeches had been made, both for and against its passage.

The resolution was supported by Senator Bailey, who offered the resolution yesterday; also by Senators Hovens and Hastings. Senators Field, Murphy and Shafer spoke in opposition. The proper limitations of the powers of the General Government, the sovereignty of States, the right of the minority, and other topics in connection, had, of course, to be discussed before the vote was finally taken passing the resolution. A similar resolution, offered in the House yesterday by Mr. Gleason, has not yet been reached in the order of business, and objection was made when Mr. Gleason asked unanimous consent to call up the resolution out of its order. The following is the form of the resolution, as it has been adopted by the Senate:

Whereas, At the session of the Thirty-eighth Congress it was resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following article be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of said Legislatures, shall be valid to all intents and purposes as a part of said Constitution, viz.:

Article 13, Section 1.—Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

Sec. 2. Congress shall have power to enforce the article by appropriate legislation.

Therefore, *Resolved*, (If the Assembly concur,) that the said proposed amendment to the Constitution be and the same is hereby ratified by the Legislature of the State of New-York.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

Albany, Thursday, Feb. 2.

BILLS REPORTED FAVORABLY.

To prevent the defacement of natural scenery.

To facilitate the acquisition of lands for the extension of the Croton Water Works.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

For the relief of the Central Park and North and East River Railroad Company.

Amending the charter of the East New-York and Jamaica Railroad Company.

Incorporating the Christ's Infant Asylum of New-York.

BILLS PASSED.

Incorporating the Union League Club of New-York.

Incorporating the Olympic Club of New-York.

ASSEMBLY.

Albany, Thursday, Feb. 2.

The Speaker presented the annual report of the State Prison Association.

The Governor sent in the following telegraphic dispatch, received by him from Washington:

Washington, Feb. 2, 1865.

To Gov. Fenton:

We obtained to-day the President's assent to the ollowing proposition:

"That so much of the revised quota as was added to the State of New-York by the order of Jan. 24, say sixteen thousand, be deferred for further investigation, the deferred portion of the quota to be deducted *pro rata* from the various districts of the State. This is to be carried out by a deduction of 25, per cent. from the quotas of each in the State, as assigned Jan. 24. The deferred portion is to be the subject for future examination and action."

JAMES H. BELL and GEORGE H. ANDREWS, } Senators.

BILLS ORDERED TO A THIRD READING.

To provide additional means for the relief of our sick and wounded soldiers.

By unanimous consent the bill was read a third time and passed.

To provide for a public market in the City of New-York.

The Bursting of the Parrott Guns—Report of the Naval Committee.

The *Army and Navy Journal* for this week contains, in full, the elaborate report of the Naval Committee appointed to consider and report on the subject of rifle cannon for the navy. The report is dated Washington, Jan. 18, 1865. The committee find that 703 Parrot guns of all calibres, have been issued to the naval service, and that of these twenty-one have burst or been otherwise injured by explosion.

Several of the injuries have appeared in fractures or rents, enabling the withdrawal of the guns from service in time to avoid casualties, and many of them have occurred in the chase or at the muzzle, and not as is customary with other guns, at the breech; thus affording evidence that they arose from the premature explosion of shells within the gun—a fact which is proven by the direct testimony of several officers in charge at the time.

That these guns have in some instances been injured by other causes than the premature explosions of shells, such as the use of compressed powder, projectiles deemed by Mr. Parrott unsuitable for guns of his construction, by keeping guns loaded for a great length of time, and also by neglect in the heat of battle to lubricate the projectiles as required by the Ordnance Instructions—a most necessary and important precaution, having for its object not only the free movement of the projectile, but particularly as a means of neutralizing the tenacious deposit from the powder—which is admitted in some cases to have been done there seems little doubt; but they are exceptional rules.

The committee, however, recommend that, as the premature explosion of shells is *one*, and, in their opinion, the *principal* cause of the failure of the parrott guns, experiments should be conducted at Cold Spring, or elsewhere, to place the question of this cause of bursting beyond dispute, and to decide whether it may be avoided or not. With this view, the committee give directions as to the manner in which the experiments should be conducted. The result of these experiments will decide the question of retaining in the service, or rejecting, the Parrott guns. Pending this decision, they recommend to the Bureau of Ordnance that a curcular be issued, directing certain reductions of the charge of 100-pounders, and other precautionary measures to be taken.

In consideration of the endurance exhibited by the Parrot rifle guns in proof and in service, the committee deem it proper to state that, in their opinion, the Bureau was fully justified in adopting them for the naval service, as the best guns to be obtained to meet its immediate wants—various other systems of cast-iron rifled ordnance having either failed or been withdrawn from service as unreliable. They therefore, in the belief that the guns of this description which have burst or failed, may have been affected by one or more of the causes heretofore enumerated, especially the explosion of shells within them at the time of bursting, or previously, recommended the retention of all classes of those guns, except the 156-pounders, until the experiments herein recommended shall have been made. They also suggest the immediate withdrawal of such of the Parrott guns as may have been subjected to any of the deteriorating causes arising from premature explasions and other causes, and that they be issued to the navy only as chase guns, not to exceed two for large and one for small vessels, exclusive of rifled howitzers.

The report is accompanied by voluminous appendices, with valuable tables, by the evidence of Mr. Parrott before the committee, and by a letter from the same gentleman, giving in detail his views as to the causes of the bursting of the guns.

Commodores Misroon, Hitchcock and Hunt, and Lieut.-Commanders Aulick and Jeffers constituted the committee.

Obituary.

ROBERT ATHOW WEST.

The *Commercial* of last evening announces the death, in Washington on Wednesday last, of Mr. Robert Athow West, formerly editor of that paper. Mr. West's connection with the *Commercial* was first formed when the late W. L. Stone was its editor. He was assistant editor under Mr. Inman, and upon the retirement of that gentleman took charge of the paper and discharged the duties of that position for many years with great acceptance. In June, 1863, he went to Washington to edit the *Chronicle*, and about a year ago became head of the Bureau of Military Justice, under Judge Advocate-General Holt. Although a foreigner by birth—Mr. West was born in England—he was an American by choice and conviction. His culture was wide and varied, and his facility in writing fitted him in an imminent degree for the profession in which he did such good service, and which loses in his death one of its foremost members.

NEW-YORK SEMI-WEEKLY TIMES.

THE NEW-YORK SEMI-WEEKLY TIMES is published THIS MORNING, and may be had at the counter of the publication office in wrappers ready for mailing. Price Five Cents. In addition to the latest intelligence by telegraph up to the moment of going to press, there will be found in the current number full details of all military movements in the different departments from the pens of our special correspondents. Also, all official orders, reports and documents, and the latest and fullest Washington news. European news, with graphic letters from our correspondents in London and Paris, giving the tone of public feeling abroad, is made a special and permanent feature. In addition to Editorials on all the current topics of the day, the Semi-Weekly Times has a page of carefully prepared commercial matter, giving the latest financial news and market reports; items of agricultural and domestic interest, compiled from sources many of which are otherwise inaccessible to the American reader; and marriages and deaths of the week.

The "Semi-Weekly Record," or news summary—being a careful synopsis and digest of the news of the day, both rebellion and general—is alone worth double the subscription price to the paper, as it preserves in a condensed and conveniently classified form all news of interest, and must prove valuable as a record to all time.

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MARRIED.

Curtiss—Wilkin.—On Thursday, Feb. 2, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. Gardner Spring, D. D., S. M. Curtiss and Isabella H., daughter of John Wilkie, Esq., all of this city.

Gilchrist—Beardsley.—On Thursday, Feb. 2, at the Church of the Annunciation, by Rev. Dr. Seabury, Robert Gilchrist, Jr., of Jersey City, and Frederica Raymond, daughter of the late Samuel R. Beardsley, of Oswego.

Nelson—Thompson.—On Wednesday, Feb. 1, by Rev. Mr. Farmer, at the residence of the bride's grandfather, Robert Thompson, Esq., Francis Ormond Nelson, of San Francisco, Cal., and Frances Cecil Thompson, of New-York.

Prentiss—Prentiss.—In Brooklyn, on Wednesday, Feb. 1, by Rev. H. Loomis, assisted by Rev. Charles E. Knox, Bloomfield, N. J., G. R. Prentiss, Hamilton, C. W., and Lucretia Houghton, eldest daughter of Chas. W. Prentiss, Esq., New-York.

White—Church.—In Brooklyn, N. Y., on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at the residence of Mr. E. B. Dar

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The subscription is so nearly completed that it is intended to close the same on or before the 15th of February.

Subscription $750,000, of which $600,000 purchases the and, to wit:: 62,560 ACRES. The remaining $150,000 is the permanent cash working capital of the company.

Capital stock, $6,000,000. Par value of shares, $100. Subscribers to this purchase will receive eight shares of stock for each one hundred dollars subscribed. Lands located on the Little Kanawha and Elk Rivers, in the Counties of Gilmer and Braxton, in the very heart of the oil region of West Virginia.

Professor Richardson reports: "Your property is the very centre of the West Virginia oil region; it has numerous oil and gas springs along the banks of its streams, one of which vies with the famous 'Burning Spring' itself."

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There can be no doubt that along your creeks and tributaries there is a large extent of valuable oil-producing territory. The prodigious amount of bituminous and cannel coal, iron ore, limestone and fire-clays embodied in the high hills on your property, the tops and slopes of which are covered with an extraordinary growth of white oak and other heavy timbers, add immensely to its value."

These views are fully indorsed by the reports of the most practical and experienced men from the oil districts of both Pennsylvania and Virginia.

The company consider themselves fortunate in having secured the services of Mr. Blackwell, a practical civil engineer, for the general superintendency, so well known as the late Chief Engineer and Superintendent of the Commissioners of Washington Heights, New-York City.

Arrangements are in rapid progress for the immediate development of the property, on a scale commensurate with its value and extent.

Subscriptions, payable at the time of subscribing, or one-half in cash, and the balance in thirty days from the time of closing of the subscription, can be made in person or by letter, at the office of the undersigned, No. 61 Cedar-st., New-York: I. K. Dobson, No. 42 State-st., Boston, and John W. Strong, Detroit, Mich., where full information can be obtained.

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The company is organized under the laws of the State of New-York. The principal office is No. 71 Broadway, with branch offices in Philadelphia and Baltimore, for the convenience of subscribers, where the certificates of stock will be issued to subscribers without delay. The property, embracing upward of 635 acres, has been selected with great care during the last three years, by those of the directors who have been constantly operating on Oil Creek, and throughout the entire oil region of Pennsylvania, as well as Western Virginia, and was not selected to sell, but for the purpose of development and producing oil, having now some ten wells under contract, and being bored with vigor, besides those already completed and producing, making in all 18 wells now on the property. Every acre of this Company's property is bottom, and the best of boring-land, much of it on Oil Creek, Cherry Run, Cherry Tree Creek, Walnut Bend, Allegheny River, and other streams where the lands are being developed with good success and prospects of a very large product of oil.

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THE QUICKSILVER MINING COMPANY,
No. 21 NASSAU-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 1, 1865.

The annual meeting of the stockholders will be held at the Continental Hotel, in the City of Philadelphia, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 22, at 1 o'clock P. M.

The annual election of Directors will be held at the same place, on the same day, between the hours of 2 and 3 P. M.

The Transfer Books will be closed on Saturday, Feb. 18, and reopened on Monday, Feb. 27.

J. B. RANDOL, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE DUBUQUE AND SIOUX CITY RAILROAD COMPANY, DUBUQUE, Iowa, Jan. 11, 1865.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the Dubuque and Sioux City Railroad Co. will be held at the office of the Company in Dubuque, Iowa, on MONDAY, Feb. 13, 1865, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing four directors for the term of two years. LOUIS BOISOT, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF THIRteen directors of the Sixth-avenue Railroad Company, will be held at the depot, 6th-av., corner of 42d-st., on TUESDAY, Feb. 14, from 12 to 2 P. M.

HENRY S. MOORE, Secretary.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.—Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of this association will be held at their bank, No. 192 Nassau-st., on the 14th day of February next, between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors of said bank. C. N. JORDAN, Cashier.

Dated NEW-YORK, Jan. 10, 1865.

CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS AND CINCINNATI RAILROAD CO., CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 25, 1865.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this company for the election of Directors, and for the transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the company in Cleveland, Ohio, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 15, 1865, in accordance with amended by-law. The transfer books will be closed from the evening of Feb. 4 until Feb. 16.

GEO. H. RUSSELL, Secretary.

THE COUPONS OF THE RICHMOND COUNTY BONDS will be paid at the New-York Life Insurance and Trust Company, No. 52 Wall-st., when due. P. S. WANDELL, County Treasurer.

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W. B. CARMAN, Cashier.

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The property of this company is located on Oil Creek and Little Oil Creek, ALL IN FEE SIMPLE, in the very heart of the oil region, in Venango, Warren and Crawford Counties Pennsylvania. Oil Springs and Salt Springs abound, and the very best evidences of a rich yield of oil exist on the property; a large number of oil wells are being successfully worked on the adjoining lands, some of them producing from thirty to fifty barrels per day, and as yet only partially developed.

Of the property belonging to this company, all of which are bottom lands, about one hundred and seventy-five acres have been selected by competent judges, as the best of oil-producing lands. Oil Creek and its tributary streams run directly through most of this property.

The company are now making active arrangements for a speedy and full development of all their lands, and expect at an early day, to pay a handsome per centage on the investment.

The respectability, integrity and commercial standing of the officers and trustees of this company, all being practical business men, is sufficient guarantee that their representations in regard to, and their conduct of, the business of this company, will be entitled to the full confidence and entire approval of all who may be disposed to invest in the enterprise.

Their stock is not put at a fictitious value, but at an actual business valuation, and sold at that, without being enlarged into many millions to the detriment of the stockholders.

No personal liability attaches to the stockholders, as the stock is sold at its actual par value, and not at a reduction of one-half, by which reduction each stockholder is made personally liable.

Some idea of the immense value of oil territory may be gathered from the following statement: The Noble and Delamater Well is pouring forth a constant stream of oil, at the rate of five hundred barrels per day, equal to six thousand dollars, or over two million dollars' worth yearly. The Jersey Well yields about five thousand dollars' worth daily. The Hyde and Egbert Farm, thirty-seven acres, has been converted into companies, representing over seven million dollars. A great many similar cases could be cited. There are no reasons why some of the properties belonging to this company should not produce oil as copiously as the wells mentioned above, and in that case it would make its value almost beyond calculation.

Dividends will be declared on the stock as soon as the company's finances will permit, and will be held subject to the order of distant subscribers, by draft or otherwise, free of charge. All stockholders, large and small, will be treated alike, and receive the dividends or profits pro rata. All benefits derived from the lands, either in sale of oil, lands or products of any kind, will be divided among the stockholders.

Circulars, prospectus, &c., containing every information, will be furnished on application at the office of the company, or sent by mail, to parties wishing to subscribe.

A limited number of shares only are now offered for a short time, and can be subscribed for at the office of the company, No. 130 Pearl-st., Hanover-square, New-York; and of JOHN S. GILES, Treasurer, No. 174 Canal-st., New-York; or of either of the trustees as above.

NEW-YORK AND NEVADA GOLD AND SILVER MILL AND MINING COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the stockholders for choice of officers and transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 30 Pine-st., on the second Monday in February, (13th inst.,) at 12 o'clock M.

JOHN J. OSBORN, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 1, 1865.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
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ISSUE COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELERS' CREDITS FOR USE IN THE COUNTRY AND ABROAD.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY,
WASHINGTON, Jan 25, 1865.

WHEREAS—BY SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that the American National Bank of New-York, in the City of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, has been duly organized under and according to the requirements of the act of Congress, entitled, "An Act to provide a National Currency, secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved June 3, 1864, and has complied with all the provisions of said act;

Now, therefore, I, HUGH McCULLOCH, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "the American National Bank of New-York," in the City of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, is authorized to commence the business of banking under the act aforesaid.

[L. S.] In testimony whereof, witness my hand and seal of office this 25th day of January, 1865.

(Signed,) HUGH McCULLOCH,
Comptroller of the Currency.

UNITED STATES TREASURY, NEW-YORK, Feb. 1, 1865.

PARTIES HOLDING FIVE-TWENTY or more coupons on the three years' seven and three-tenth bonds, maturing on the 15th inst., are requested to have them in, with schedules, at any time before that date.

Holders complying with the above, will have their coupons examined and checks given for them on the 14th, after 3 o'clock P. M.

Blank schedules will be furnished upon application at the Interest Department of this office.

(Signed) JOHN A. STEWART,
Assistant Treasurer.

WILLIAM C. GILMAN,
NO. 6 PINE-ST.,
BUYS AND SELLS
MARINE AND FIRE INSURANCE SCRIP.

NOTICE.—THE UNITED STATES PETROLEUM COMPANY will receive proposals at the offices of the Company, No. 47 Exchange-place, New-York, and Plumer, Venango County, Penn., until noon on Saturday, the 25th of February next, for leasing parts of the large and valuable oil producing territory now in possession of the Company on Pithole Creek, and at Walnut Bend, Alleghany River, Venango County, Penn. Most of the property on Pithole Creek is in the immediate vicinity of the "Frazier Well," recently developed by the Company, and now flowing from 250 to 300 barrels of oil per day.

Maps of the property can be seen at the offices of the Company, where further information will be given.

By order of the Board.
P. G. PENNING, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 28, 1865.

TENTH NATIONAL BANK, No. 240 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 10, 1865.

AT AN ELECTION HELD THIS DAY, the following persons were elected Directors of this bank for the ensuing year:

J. T. Sanger, Albert G. Lee,
E. L. Fancher, N. K. Rosenfeld,
John Elliott, Charles G. Barrett,
Lewis Einstein, Edwin F. Knowlton,
John Falconer, Jacob H. Dater,
Henry I. Baker, Daniel L. Ross.

At a subsequent meeting of the board, Daniel L. Ross was unanimously re-elected President.

JOHN H. STOUT, Cashier.

OFFICE WELLS, FARGO & CO., No. 84 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Oct. 26, 1864.

TELEGRAPH TRANSFERS OF MONEY TO CALIFORNIA AND OREGON made, and Exchange on

SAN FRANCISCO,
LONDON,
DUBLIN and
PARIS.

For sale by

WELLS, FARGO & CO.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 23, 1865.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the Driggs' Patent Piano Company, of the City of New-York, will be held at the warerooms, No. 3 Union-square, on the first TUESDAY (the 7th day) of February next, at 12 o'clock P. M., for the election of Trustees, and such other business as may come before them. A punctual attendance is particularly requested.

JOHN COLVILL, Secretary.

BANK OF NORTH AMERICA,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 31, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this bank will take place at the Banking Room, No. 44 Wall-st., on MONDAY, the 6th of February, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

H. A. BRADSLEY, Cashier.

FINANCIAL.

HOPE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NO. 92 BROADWAY.

CASH CAPITAL.....$200,000 00
ASSETS.....$282,248 76

This company having DECLINED JOINING the combination of Fire Insurance Companies, is prepared to write policies on terms as favorable as are offered by any other responsible company, whether IN OR OUT of the board.

DIRECTORS.

HENRY M. TABER, THOMAS P. CUMMINGS,
STEPH. CAMBRELENG, THEODORE W. RILEY,
JOSEPH GRAFTON, AMOS ROBBINS,
L. B. WARD, D. LYDIG SUYDAM,
STEPHEN HYATT, J. W. MERSEREAU,
JACOB REESE, JOSEPH BRITTON,
ROBERT SCHELL, WILLIAM H. TERRY,
JOHN PENFOLD, WILLIAM REMSEN,
JAMES S. SANDFORD, HENRY S. LEVERICH,
FREDK. SCHUCHARDT, JOSEPH FOULKE.
JACOB REESE, President.

THOMAS GREENLEAF, Secretary.
CHAS. D. HARTSHORNE, Asst. Secretary.

THE
COTTER FARM OIL COMPANY
OF PHILADELPHIA,

CAPITAL STOCK.....$1,000,000
Divided into 200,000 Shares, at $5 per share.
SUBSCRIPTION PRICE
TO 60,000 SHARES ONLY, $2 50 PER SHARE.
STOCK ISSUED FULL PAID.
$50,000 CASH APPROPRIATED AS A WORKING CAPITAL.

PRESIDENT, ISAIAH LUKENS. VICE-PRESIDENT, WM. M. STEWART.
TREASURER, WM. D. SMITH. SECRETARY, E. J. HARRISON.

DIRECTORS.

ISAIAH LUKENS, ROBERT SMITH,
W. D. SMITH, EDWD. F. CUSHMAN,
W. M. STEWART.

OFFICES—NO. 42 PINE-STREET, NEW-YORK AND NOS. 23 AND 24 WASHINGTON BUILDINGS, (274 South Third-street, below Walnut,) PHILADELPHIA.

The intrinsic value of their territory is greater than that of any other oil company now before the public, with the same amount of capital.

The Directors invite all who desire investing in oil stocks to call at their offices and examine prospectus, draughts, &c., where they cannot fail to be satisfied that the

COTTER FARM OIL COMPANY

is organized on such a basis that stockholders cannot fail to realize a handsome profit aside from the question of oil altogether.

The books for subscription will be open for a short time longer at the offices of the company.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 24, 1865.

THE TRUSTEES, IN CONFORMITY TO the Charter of the Company, submit the following Statement of its affairs on the 31st December, 1864:

Premiums received on Marine Risks, from Jan. 1, 1864, to Dec 31, 1864	$7,558,437 28
Premiums on Policies not marked off Jan. 1, 1864	2,407,334 61
Total amount of Marine Premiums	$9,965,771 86
No Policies have been issued upon Life Risks, nor upon Fire Risks disconnected with Marine Risks.	
Premiums marked off from Jan. 1, 1864, to Dec. 31, 1864	$7,964,359 14
Losses paid during the same period	$3,316,625 67
Returns of Premiums and Expenses	1,313,299 63
The company has the following Assets:	
United States and State of New-York Stock, City, Bank and other Stocks	$4,974,715 00
Loans secured by Stocks and otherwise	2,187,950 00
Real Estate and Bonds and Mortgages	143,760 00
Dividends on Stocks, Interest on Bonds and Mortgages and other loans, sundry notes, reinsurance and other claims due the company, estimated at	120,812 89
Premium notes and bills receivable	2,876,018 99
United States Gold Coin	541,289 63
Cash in Bank	1,258,432 91
Total amount of assets	$14,13,569 42

Six per cent. interest on the outstanding certificates of profits will be paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday, the 7th of February next.

After reserving three and one half million dollars of profit, the outstanding certificates of the issue of 1863 will be redeemed and paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday, the 7th of February next, from which date all interest thereon will cease. The certificates to be produced at the time of payment, and canceled.

A dividend of forty per cent. is declared on the net earned premiums of the company for the year ending Dec. 31, 1864, for which certificates will be issued on and after Tuesday, the 4th of April next.

The profits of the company, ascertained from July 1, 1842, to Jan. 1, 1864, for which certificates were issued, amount to | $16,951,020
Additional from Jan. 1, 1864, to Jan. 1, 1865 | 2,740,000
Total profits for 22½ years | $19,691,020
The certificates previous to 1863 have been redeemed by cash | 12,653,730
Net earnings remaining with the company on Jan. 1, 1865 | $7,037,290

By order of the board.

J. H. CHAPMAN, Acting Secretary.

TRUSTEES.

John D. Jones, William Sturgis, Jr.,
Charles Dennis, Henry K. Bogert,
W. H. H. Moore, William E. Dodge,
Henry Coit, Dennis Perkins,
William C. Pickersgill, Joseph Gaillard, Jr.,
Lewis Curtis, J. Henry Burry,
Charles H. Russell, Cornelius Grinnell,
Lowell Holbrook, C. A. Hand,
R. Warren Weston, Wm. Sherman,
Royal Phelps, R. J. Howland,
Caleb Barstow, Benjamin Babcock,
A. P. Pillot, Fletcher Westray,
Daniel S. Miller, Robt'n B. Minturn, Jr.,
Joshua J. Henry, Gordon W. Burnham,
George G. Robson, Frederick Chauncey,
David Lane, James Low,
James Brice, Charles H. Marshall.

JOHN D. JONES, President.

CHARLES DENNIS, Vice-President.
W. H. H. MOORE, Second Vice-President.

LIVERMORE, CLEWS & CO.,
BANKERS,
No. 32 Wall-st., New-York.
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AGENTS for the sale of the
"7-3-10 NATIONAL LOAN."

All denominations on hand ready for delivery. Three-eighths commission allowed.

ALL DESCRIPTIONS OF UNITED STATES SECURITIES purchased and for sale.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
PUBLIC PETROLEUM STOCK EXCHANGE,
No. 111 Broadway, corner Rector-st.

This board is now organized and the calls of Petroleum Stocks take place daily at 12 noon and 3 o'clock P. M. Admission free during this week, after which yearly subscribers will pay $10, and transient visitors 25 cents for each admission. H. L. JACKSON, Secretary.

MANGAM, JENKINS & CO.,
DEALERS IN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, MERCANTILE PAPER, STOCKS, BONDS, &c.,
NO. 40 WALL-ST.

U. S. 10-40 Bonds. U. S. 5-20 Bonds.
U. S. 6s of '81 Bonds. U. S. 7 3-10th Treasury Notes.
U. S Certificates of Indebtedness bought and sold at market rates.
Stocks and other securities bought and sold at Brokers' Board on commission.

BANK OF LOUISIANA, NEW-ORLEANS

Stockholders desiring to be represented at the Triennial Election, on the second Monday in April, by forwarding their proxies on or before the 15th day of March, to the Merchants' Bank, New-York, will have them duly transmitted.

JANUARY 28, 1865.

THE MICHIGAN SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN INDIANA RAILROAD COMPANY, OFFICE No. 18 WILLIAM-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 12, 1865.

TO THE GUARANTEED STOCKHOLDERS.—A Dividend of Five Per Cent., less Government tax, will be paid to the holders of Guaranteed Stock at this office, on the 1st day of February next.

In order to reconcile conflicting interests in dispute growing out of a claim made by a portion of the guaranteed stockholders for back dividends, this company has consented, as a compromise, to accept of a proposition made by parties owning and representing a large majority of the guaranteed stock, and by parties who have heretofore brought suits for back dividends against this company, which suits are now on this settlement, withdrawn. The company deems it but just to offer the same terms of settlement to the remaining stockholders as have been accorded to the majority above-named, viz.:

In addition to the Five Per Cent. Cash Dividend, payable on the 1st day of February next, this company is ready to issue to the guaranteed stockholders common stock at par to the extent of 30 per cent. of the guaranteed stock held by them, in full payment of all claims for dividends and interest accruing prior to February 1, 1863, indorsing such payment upon the face of the guaranteed stock certificates. All common stock so issued prior to the closing of the common stock books, on the 14th of February prox., will be entitled to the Three and a half per Cent. Dividend on the stock, payable March 1, 1865. HENRY KEEP, Treasurer.

NOTICE.—THE EAST RIVER BANK WILL ORganize as soon as practicable as a National Bank, with the capital increased to $500,000.

Having a surplus of over 40 per cent., a dividend in stock of 25 per cent. will be made to present shareholders: the remainder of the surplus will be participated in by the increased stock.

The subscription book is now open at the bank, No. 680 Broadway.

By order of the board.

WM. S. CARMAN, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE JEFFERSON INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 60 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 26, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTors of this company will be held at this office on MONDAY, Feb. 6, 1865.

Polls open from 1 to 2 o'clock P. M.

SAMUEL E. BELCHER, Secretary.

MARIETTA AND CINCINNATI RAILROAD CO.,
CHILLICOTHE, Ohio, Jan. 28, 1865.

THE FIRST MORTGAGE COUPONS OF this company will be paid on the first day of February, at the office of Messrs. WILSON, GIBSON & CO., No. 74 Broadway, New-York.

WM. E. WATSON, Secretary.

OFFICE GROCERS' FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 76 Wall-st., NEW-YORK, Jan. 21, 1865.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECtors of this Company will be held at the office on MONDAY, Feb. 6, 1865. Poll open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

JAMES G. PLATT, Secretary.

COMMISSIONER FOR NEW-JERSEY and other States.—No. 5 Beekman-st., Room No. 6, first floor over Park Bank.

FINANCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE
COLUMBIAN (MARINE) INSURANCE CO.,
CORNER OF WALL AND NASSAU STS.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 27, 1865.

Statement of the affairs of the Company for the seventh fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1864.

Premiums on unexpired risks, Dec. 31, 1863	$779,792 59
Premiums received from that date, to Dec. 31, 1864	5,433,332 09
Total amount of premiums	$6,213,114 68
Premiums marked off, as earned during the year, (less Return Premiums) and Interest received on Investments	$4,932,516 07
Losses paid during the year	$2,389,847 14
Reinsurances, Expenses, and Government Taxes	477,914 91—2,867,762 05
Excess of earned premiums over losses, &c.	$2,064,754 02
Add Undivided Balance of Dec. 31, 1863	403 82 2,065,157 84
Reserve for Estimate Claims unadjusted and other Contingencies	651,912 97

In accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Company, the Board of Directors have resolved to apply the profits of the year as follows:

Profits to be divided	$1,413,944 87
Cash Dividend to Dealers holding Certificates of Return on Premiums earned during the year and paid, payable on and after Feb. 10, 1865	760,354 89—$653,589 98
Deduct Dividend already paid to Stockholders, being accrued interest (free of Government Tax) on Cash Capital	107,486 87
	$546,103 11
Deduct Interest on Scrip issues, payable (free of Government Tax) on and after Feb 10, 1865, being 6 per cent. on amount of such issues	11,061 00
	$535,042 11
Of this residue thirty per cent. will be paid in Cash to the Stockholders, on and after March 10, 1865, (free of Government Tax,) as follows: on Old Stock, 10 per cent., and on New Stock, 6 per cent.	160,000 00
	$375,042 11

There will also be a Scrip Dividend, payable (free of Government Tax) on and after June 1, 1865, on the Cash Capital, as follows: on Old Stock, 14 per cent., and on New Stock, 9 per cent., making the total Dividend for the year paid to Stockholders equal to Thirty-one per cent.

Payable in Cash on and after Feb. 10, 1865, (free of Government Tax,) to Makers of Security Notes, being 3½ per cent. on amount of such notes | 837 13
	$374,204 98
Payable in Scrip (free of Government Tax) on and after June 1, 1865, to Dealers on Earned Premiums on risks terminating without loss, (estimated at $3,115,000,) 12 per cent.	373,800 00
Undivided Balance	$404 98

The Company have the following Assets:

United States, New-York City and other Stocks	$500,300 00
Cash in Bank and Loans secured by United States Stocks	1,087,299 52
Accrued Interest, Reinsurance, Salvage, and other Claims and Unpaid Premiums	736,013 16
Premium Notes and Bills Receivable, &c.	3,586,468 27
Scrip of Insurance Companies, and Sundry Securities, estimated at	28,491 83
Total amount of Assets	$5,938,572 78

The Company is now taking up an additional Cash Capital of $1,500,000, which, added to present Assets, will make | $7,438,572 78

To the President and Board of Directors of the Columbian Insurance Co.:

We hereby certify that we have compared the above statement with the Balance Sheet of the Company, and the Balance Sheet with its Books, and found them to conform.

We have also examined the Cash Bank Balance, Securities, Bills Receivable and other Assets, and found them to conform accurately with the above statement made by the Company.

EDWARD ROWE,
ALBERT G. LEE,
JOSEPH MORRISON,
DAN'L W. TELLER,
} Committee.

JAN. 27, 1865.

Dealers with this Company will be allowed the option (to be signified at the time of application for insurance) of receiving in lieu of scrip, at the end of each year, returns in cash (guaranteed by certificate) of premiums paid and earned during the year, whether loss accrues or not, upon all new risks under the New-York form of policy, as follows:

1st. Upon all Voyage Risks upon Cargo, a return of Twenty per cent.

2d. Upon Voyage Risks upon Freight, a return of Twenty per cent.

3d. Upon Time Risks upon Freight, and upon Voyage and Time Risks upon Hulls, a return of Ten per cent.

Such privilege, however, being confined to persons and firms, the aggregate of whose premiums upon such policies earned and paid during the year, shall amount to the sum of one hundred dollars.

PREMIUMS PAID IN GOLD WILL BE ENTITLED TO THE ABOVE RETURNS, IN GOLD.

DIRECTORS:

Edward Rowe, Dan'l W. Teller,
Daniel W. Lord, John D. Bates,
George Miln, Charles Hickox,
John Atkinson, Robert Browne,
Thos. A. C. Cochrane, Lawrence Myers,
Wm. H. Halsey, S. N. Derrick,
Thos. Barron, Moses Merick,
Roland G. Mitchell, David J. Ely,
Albert G. Lee, Joseph Morrison,
George P. Deshon, Wm. H. Popham,
O. L. Nims, B. C. Morris, Jr.,
M. F. Merick, Ezra Nye,
Wm. B. Ogden, Henry J. Camman,
John Armstrong, Thomas Lord,
B. C. Morris, Preston R. Hodges,
Andrew J. Rich, J. R. Griffin.

B. C. MORRIS, President.
THOS. LORD, Vice-President.

WM. M. WHITNEY, Second Vice-President and Secre'y.

The Scrip Transfer Books will be closed until the 10th ult., inclusive.

THE
EMPIRE CITY OIL COMPANY.

CAPITAL.....$400,000
100,000 SHARES.....PAR VALUE $4 EACH

OFFICE, NO. 69 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK.

The subscription book will positively close on or about the 6th day of February, 1865.

A limited number of shares can be had at the SUBSCRIPTION PRICE, $2 PER SHARE.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

ISAAC O. BARKER, Rutgers Fire Ins. Co.
SAMUEL BARTON, Cashier Atlantic Mail S. S. Co.
N. B. LABAU, No. 69 Wall-st.
WILLIAM B. ALLEN, Allaire Works.
SHERIDAN SHOOK, No. 130 Broadway.
JEREMIAH SIMONSON, Greenpoint.
R. M. KINLEY, Kinnle & Carver, No. 17 Broad-st.
J. VAN ORDEN, East River Bank.
SMITH BARKER, Jr., No. 5 Bowling-green.

OFFICERS:

N. B. LABAU, President.
W. H. HUBBARD, Secretary.
SMITH BARKER, Jr., Treasurer.
BANKS & ANDERSON, Attorneys.

This company have EIGHT WELLS and two Oil Refineries now in operation. A large cash capital has been provided for in the organization of the company, which, with the improvements already existing, insure permanent success. Prospectus, with full particulars, can be had at the office of the company, No. 69 Wall-st.

Agents to receive subscriptions:
Messrs. GARSCHE & MINTON, No. 3 Broad-st.
N. T. HUBBARD, No. 27 Front-st.
KINNIE & CARVER, No. 17 Broad-st.

GREAT NORTHERN OIL CO.
OFFICE, NO. 67 EXCHANGE-PLACE, NEAR BROADWAY.

Capital.....$2,000,000

Manufacturers and Sole Proprietors of the

HENDRICK LUBRICATOR.

Also dealers in SPERM, LARD, WHALE and other OILS.

OFFICERS.

JOHN BRYAN, President, New-York.
JACOB S. ATWOOD, Vice-President.
J. A. WISNER, Secretary and Treasurer.
E. E. HENDRICK, Superintendent.
WM. N. MARCUS, General Agent.

VERMILYE & CO. OFFER FOR SALE AT PAR,
MORRIS & ESSEX RAILROAD CO.
FIRST MORTGAGE SEVEN PER CENT. BONDS,
OF $100, $500 AND $1,000.
REDEEMABLE IN TWENTY YEARS.

With Coupons payable in New-York, and with provision for a Sinking Fund for their redemption at maturity.

The Morris and Essex Railroad is now extending its road to Easton, and at that point will connect with the Lehigh Valley Railroad, with the Lehigh Canal Company's Road, now in the course of construction and nearly completed, and with the East Pennsylvania Railroad, which is proposed to be extended from Allentown to Easton.

These roads will supply the Morris and Essex Railroad, immediately upon its completion, with an immense tonnage for transportation, and it must become one of the most important avenues for the transportation of coal from the Lehigh and Eastern Schuylkill regions, and will also form a part of the great through line to Cincinnati and Chicago, and the Great West generally, via Lehigh Valley, Allentown, Pennsylvania Central, and Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroads.

These bonds are secured by a first mortgage to James Brown and Peter Cooper, Trustees, upon the road completed and in course of completion, and upon the branch from Denville to Newark, from the Hudson River, at Hoboken, to the Delaware River, at Phillipsburgh, including all rights, real estate, rolling stock and other property of the company.

A. J. MESSENGER,
BANKER,
NO. 139 BROADWAY,

Will receive subscriptions to the NEW 7-30 TREASURY NOTES, and 10-40 BONDS, and allow the usual commissions.

We buy and sell at market rates.
U. S. 5-20 BONDS.
U. S. 6s, OF 1881.
U. S. ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATES.
U. S. QUARTERMASTER'S CHECKS.
U. S. 7-30 NOTES converted into 6s of '81.
U. S. CERTIFICATES COLLECTED.
Also, Gold, Silver, Canada and Uncurrent Money Bought and Sold at best rates.
ACCOUNTS of Banks, Bankers and individuals received on favorable terms.

JOHN B. MURRAY,
NO. 11 BROAD-ST., NEAR WALL,
DEALER IN
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

OIL AND COAL LANDS.

Several tracts in Braxton County, West Virginia, for sale by the subscriber.

TITLES WARRANTED. Apply Nos. 2 and 10 Wall-st., room No. 41, between 11 and 2 o'clock.

A. HECKSCHER.

FINANCIAL.

FISK & HATCH,
BANKERS,
and dealers

SHIPPING.

NATIONAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.
NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
(Limited.)
Calling at Queenstown to land passengers.

	Tons	
QUEEN—Building	5,143	Commander.
ADRIATIC	3,888	
CELTIC	3,530	
BRAIN	3,310	
ERIN	3,310	
GREECE	3,315	
HELVETIA	3,315	
PENNSYLVANIA	3,877	
LOUISIANA	2,869	

Cabin passage $120 in currency: Steerage, $40 in currency.
The Cabin accommodations on board these steamers are unsurpassed, and the rates lower than by any other line.
Tickets to and from Liverpool, Londonderry, Glasgow, Belfast, Dublin, Queenstown, Paris, Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, and all parts of Europe, at the lowest rates.
Drafts for any amount at current rates.
For freight or passage apply to
J. J. CRAWFORD, Agent,
No. 53 Broadway, New-York.

UNITED STATES MAIL LINE
FOR CALIFORNIA, VIA PANAMA
GREAT REDUCTION IN STEERAGE RATES.
The following first-class side-wheel steamships will be dispatched at noon, precisely, from Pier No. 3, North River:

Feb. 5	NORTH STAR	BLOCK.
Feb. 13	COSTA RICA	TYSON.
Feb. 23	OCEAN QUEEN	WAIN.

(Connecting at Panama with CONSTITUTION.)
DINING-ROOM—Carved black walnut and oak extension dining tables; Gilt sideboard, black walnut butler's pantry; dining-room chairs; china dinner, tea and ice sets, glassware, &c.
PARLOR—Black walnut upholstered in hair cloth; Centre and other tables; Mirrors, Bronze and Gilt Ornaments; Marble mantels; Rosewood piano, made by Hews, and cost $1,000; Gilt and black walnut cornices; Crimson Turned Curtains with lambrequins and lace curtains; Crimson Brussels carpets, &c.
Steam from the New-York Central Railroad passes the residence on all points of the road and in the cars.
CHARLES MINOT, General Superintendent.

NEW-YORK AND SAVANNAH STEAMSHIPS.
PAYNE'S
Line of Side-Wheel Steamers to
NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.
Will sail as follows:

EVENING STAR	Bell.....Saturday, Feb. 4,
MORNING STAR	Nelson.....Saturday, Feb. 11,
EVENING STAR	Bell.....Saturday, Feb. 18,
GUIDING STAR	Knapp.....Saturday, Feb. 25,
MORNING STAR	Nelson.....Saturday, March 4
GUIDING STAR	Knapp.....Saturday, March 11
EVENING STAR	Bell.....Saturday, March 18
MORNING STAR	Nelson.....Saturday, March 25

Sailing at noon precisely from Pier No. 4 North River, foot of Warren-st.
Through Bills Lading given to Texas, Mexico, Havana, Aspinwall, Panama and California.
Freight taken at low rates.
For freight or passage apply to
JAMES A. HAVEMAN, No. 10 Barclay-st.

FOR HAVANA VIA NASSAU, N. P.
The British and North American Royal Mail Steamship
ALPHA, Capt. ——, will leave Pier No. 4 North River, on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 3 P.M.
Passage money to Nassau.....$45
Passage money to Havana.....$50
For freight or passage apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling Green.

IMPORTANT TO SHIPPERS.
THROUGH BILLS LADING TO ST. LOUIS AND ALL POINTS WEST AND SOUTH AND MISSISSIPPI RIVERS, VIA NEW-ORLEANS.
The first-class steamship Vessels intended to be put upon the above route for the Customers, are the following:

ALABAMA	2,500	Commanders.
LOUISIANA	2,500	
LAFAYETTE	2,500	
CAHAWBA	2,500	
GEORGIA	2,500	
ALABAMA	2,500	

The Steamers will be dispatched punctually as follows:
From Pier No. 4 North River, foot of Warren-st.
Every Saturday, at 3 P.M.
Every Wednesday, at 3 P.M.
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THE BRITISH NAVIGATION CO.
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS.
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.
AND BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN, (Cork Harbor.) The well known steamships of the Liverpool, New-York and Philadelphia Steamship Company (limited) (Inman line) carrying the mail between Liverpool, Queenstown, New-York and Philadelphia, are intended to be dispatched as follows:
GLASGOW ..... SATURDAY ..... Feb. 4
CITY OF CORK ..... SATURDAY ..... Feb. 11
CITY OF LONDON ..... SATURDAY ..... Feb. 18
and every succeeding Saturday, at noon, from Pier No. 44 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

First Cabin to Queenstown	$80
First Cabin to London	$85
First Cabin to Paris	$95
First Cabin to Hamburg	$95
First Cabin to Bremen	$95
Second Cabin Passage	$60
Steerage	$30

Cabin passage to Liverpool.....$130 and $140
Steerage to Liverpool.....$60
Steerage to London.....$65
Steerage to Paris.....$70
Steerage to Hamburg.....$70
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FROM SHERMAN'S ARMY.

Gratifying Success of Operations Thus Far.

The Rebels Being Rapidly Driven from Every Available Position.

FORAGE AND SUBSISTENCE PLENTY.

FORTRESS MONROE, Tuesday, Jan. 31.

The steamship *Cahawba*, Capt. JOHNSON, arrived here also, this afternoon, from Hilton Head, S. C., with over 500 rebel prisoners, captured by Maj.-Gen. SHERMAN in his late campaign.

The *Cahawba* sailed from Hilton Head on last Saturday, the 28th, and, beside the mails and dispatches from SHERMAN's army, brings intelligence of the highly gratifying success attending thus far the opening of the campaign in the State of South Carolina.

One portion of Major-Gen. SHERMAN's army moved direct from Savannah, Ga., and the other, consisting of two corps, moved from Beaufort, S. C., and were both rapidly advancing against Charleston, S. C.

The latest intelligence from SHERMAN's army represents it at a distance of less than forty miles from Charleston. The rebels were offering resistance at every point, but are rapidly being driven from every available position for defence. Forage and subsistance were found in large quantities by our soldiers as they followed the retreating steps of the rebels.

The army commanded by Major-Gen. FOSTER was cooperating with the army under Gen. SHERMAN, and the movements of our troops through South Carolina are but the precursor of a far more terrible and disastrous campaign to the rebels than that of their celebrated march through the heart of Georgia.

The lines of Gen. SHERMAN were being gradually contracted, and it was probable that no desperate resistance would be made or battle offered until our forces had reached to within a few miles of Charleston, where the main body of the rebel forces would be concentrated to make one last terrible effort to save the State from the inroads of SHERMAN's conquering army.

TWO DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

Arrival of the Africa at Halifax—The Captain of the Sea King Again Arrested—No British Troops Going to Canada—The Atlantic Telegraph Cable—Financial and Commercial.

HALIFAX, Thursday, Feb. 2.

The steamship *Africa*, from Liverpool, at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the 21st, via Queenstown on the 22d of January, arrived here at 3:30 o'clock this morning. She has 24 passengers for this port and 25 for Boston.

The dates per the *Africa* are two days later than those already received.

The steamship *Australasian*, from New-York, arrived at Queenstown about noon on the 31st of January.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The London *Globe* authoritatively states that the reports from America, that British troops are about to embark for Canada to meet a possible war from the contemplated recognition of the Southern Confederacy by England, are absolutely without foundation.

Capt. CORBETT, commander of the steamer *Sea King*, prior to her conversion to the rebel cruiser *Shenandoah*, has again been before a Magistrate, charged with enlisting seamen to serve on the *Shenandoah*. Further conclusive evidence was adduced, and the prisoner was committed for trial, but was subsequently admitted to bail.

The commander of the Peruvian war-ship *Union*, who was arrested for a violation of the foreign enlistment act, by enlisting seamen in the Thames River, but who got off by some legal irregularity, was again arrested on the arrival of his ship at Plymouth, and conveyed in custody to London.

He is charged with repeating the offence at Plymouth. Part of his enlistments are said to be intended for another Peruvian war steamer which was out in France. This second steamer is named the *America*. She arrived at Plymouth on the 20th from Nantes, to take on board the men who had been engaged for her. The Captain of the *Union* was brought before a magistrate at Dartford on the 20th, but the case was dismissed from insufficient evidence.

The new steamer *Colombian*, belonging to the West India and Pacific Steamship Company, which left Liverpool on the 10th inst., sunk on the 19th inst. off Brest, where she was supposed to have run for shelter. Thirty of her crew and one passenger were drowned. Only three of the crew were saved. The lost passenger was Mr. JOHN HAMILTON, of Liverpool, the representative of the Panama Railroad Company.

It is denied that Her Majesty Queen VICTORIA will open Parliament in person.

The first Cabinet council of the year was held on the 19th of January. All the fifteen Cabinet Ministers were present.

Mr. WALLACE, the eminent musical composer, is seriously ill at Paris, and not expected to recover.

THE ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH CABLE.

The shipping of the Atlantic telegraph cable from the works of Messrs. GLASS, ELIOT & Co. to the vessels which are to convey it to the steamship *Great Eastern*, commenced on the 19th of January, and will continue without intermission until the end of May, when all the cable will be coiled on board of the great ship.

The London *Times* has a very hopeful article on the enterprise, and says that should the weather prove favorable for laying the cable, there can be little doubt that it will be successfully done.

The Directors of the Atlantic Telegraph Company have made a fourth and final call upon the shares of that company.

FRANCE.

M. PROUDHON is dead.

The London *Daily News* makes the important announcement, that at the same time that the Emperor made PRINCE NAPOLEON Vice-President of the Council, he resolved that in case of his own death, during the minority of the Prince Imperial, that the Prince NAPOLEON should be Regent, and that the resolution was taken with the consent of the Empress.

The weekly return of the Bank of France shows an increase of cash on hand of over three and a half millions of francs.

The Rentes have declined to 66f.95c.

DENMARK.

The ministers have presented a bill in the Rigsraad for the abolition of all transit duties in Denmark.

GERMANY.

At a meeting of the Holstein land proprietors it was resolved to present an address to Austria and Prussia, denouncing the former address drawn up by Baron VON SCHELL PLESSEN, urgently requesting a convocation of the estates, and demanding that the rights and desires of Schleswig and Holstein to exist under their own Duke, as part of Germany, be granted without restriction.

The Austrian Government has refused to receive either of the addresses, having determined on the principle of not accepting any manifestation upon the question of the Duchies.

INDIA.

The Bombay mail of Dec. 28, and of Calcutta of Dec. 21, is received. News generally anticipated.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

The funds continue dull but there is no material fluctuation in the rate of discount. The demand for discount was moderate at unchanged rates. It is rumored that a new loan for Mexico is contemplated. The London *Times'* City article believes the rumor is premature, but believes that if the loan is brought out, it will be for the purpose of developing the resources of Mexico and benefitting the present bondholders.

LONDON, Friday, Jan. 20—Evening.

Consols for money, 89¾@89¾. Bullion in the bank has increased £71,000.

AMERICAN STOCKS.

The market has been inactive. Illinois Central Railroad, 50; Erie Railroad 38¾; United States Five-twenties, 46¾@46.

TRADE REPORT.

The Manchester market was quiet and firmer.

LIVERPOOL BREADSTUFFS MARKET.

The Breadstuffs market was generally dull. Wheat, however, was firmer. RICHARDSON, SPENCE & Co., BIGLAND, ATHYA & Co., and others, report: Flour dull; Wheat firmer, having recovered from the declines of Tuesday; Corn very dull.

LIVERPOOL PROVISION MARKET.

The Provision market was generally firmer. JOHNSON, BROWN & Co., and others, report: Beef still advancing; Pork firm—the market is bare; Bacon active and advanced 1s.; Butter firm; Lard active and advanced 1s.@1s. 6d.; Old, 56s.; Tallow quiet and firmer.

LIVERPOOL PRODUCE MARKET.

The Brokers' Circular reports: Ashes firmer at 31s. for both Pots and Pearls. SUGAR quiet. COFFEE quiet and steady. RICE upward and advanced 3d.@6d. LINSEED inactive and declined 6d.@9d. LINSEED CAKES quiet and steady at £9, ex quay. LINSEED OIL steady. WHALE AND COD OILS, firmer at 64s.6d., holders demand an advance. PETROLEUM steady at 2s. for refined.

LONDON MARKETS—(BARING'S.)

BREADSTUFFS quiet and steady. IRON dull. SUGAR heavy and declined 1s. COFFEE quiet. TEA steady. RICE upward. TALLOW firmer. LINSEED downward. SPIRITS TURPENTINE advancing; quoted at 67s.@67s. 6d. PETROLEUM steady at £18 ₰ ton, for Crude; 2s. 1d @2s. 1½d. for Refined. SPERM OIL firm at £85. LINSEED OIL dull.

LATEST VIA LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday, Jan. 21.

COTTON.—Sales 6,000 bales, including 2,000 bales to speculators and importers. The market is firmer, but unchanged.

BREADSTUFFS.—The market is inactive

PROVISIONS.—Beef firm, at 100s. for Fine Mess. Bacon active. Lard buoyant, at 56s.@57s.

LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 21—Evening.

Consols, for money, 89¾@89¾.

AMERICAN STOCKS.—Illinois Central Railroad, 49½@50½; Erie Railroad, 34@35.

VERY LATEST VIA QUEENSTOWN.

PARIS, Sunday, Jan. 22.

The Bourse closed firm; rentes 67f. 5c.

LONDON, Sunday, Jan. 22.

The British news to-day is unimportant.

In the Spanish Senate the opposition moved an amendment to the Queen's address, declaring a new electoral law necessary, demanding representation for the Antilles, and the preservation of San Domingo to Spain.

The Africa Inward Bound.

HALIFAX, Thursday, Feb. 2.

The steamship *Africa* sailed at 10:30 o'clock this morning for Boston, where she will be due to-morrow (Friday,) evening.

FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

An Arrival from Fort Fisher—Our Gunboats Moving Up the Cape Fear River.

FORTRESS MONROE, Tuesday, Jan. 31.

The steamer *Warrior*, Capt. MOTT, arrived here to-day, from Fort Fisher, N. C. Up to the time that the *Warrior* sailed, on Sunday last, nothing of importance had taken place, with the exception that several of our gunboats were moving up the Cape Fear River to the vicinity of one of the rebel forts, probably with the intention of bombarding it.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Rejoicings and Ratifications—Serenade to the President—He Replies in a Characteristic Speech—Ratification of the Amendment in Illinois, Rhode Island, Michigan and other States.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 2.

The serenading party, last night, having played several airs before the White House, the President appeared at the centre upper window, under the portico, and was greeted with loud cheers.

The President said he supposed the passage through Congress of the constitutional amendment for the abolishment of slavery throughout the United States, was the occasion to which he was indebted for the honor of this call. [Applause.] The occasion was one of congratulation to the country and to the whole world. But there is a task yet before us—to go forward and consummate by the votes of the States that which Congress so nobly began yesterday. [Applause, and cries, "They will do it," &c.] He had the honor to inform those present that Illinois had already done the work. [Applause.] Maryland was about half through; but he felt proud that Illinois was a little ahead. He thought this measure was a very fitting, if not an indispensable adjunct to the winding up of the great difficulty. [Applause.] He wished the reunion of all the States perfected and so effected as to remove all causes of disturbance in the future, and to attain this end it was necessary that the original disturbing cause should, if possible, be rooted out. He thought all would bear him witness that he had never shrunk from doing all that he could to eradicate slavery by issuing an Emancipation Proclamation. [Applause.] But that proclamation falls far short of what the amendment will be when fully consummated. A question might be raised whether the proclamation was legally valid. It might be added that it only aided those who came into our lines, and that it was inoperative as to those who did not give themselves up, or that it would have no effect upon the children of the slaves born hereafter. In fact it would be urged that it did not meet the evil. But this amendment is a king's cure for all the evils. [Applause.] It winds the whole thing up. He would repeat that it was the fitting, if not the indispensable adjunct to the consummation of the great game we are playing. He could not but congratulate all present, himself, the country, and the whole world, upon this great moral victory.

Ratification by Rhode Island.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Thursday, Feb. 2.

The Rhode Island House of Representatives this morning passed a resolution, approving and adopting the proposed amendment to the United States Constitution. The vote stood 62 yeas against 4 nays.

The House also passed a resolution, requesting the Governor to make an application for the postponement of the draft.

Ratification by Illinois.

CHICAGO, Thursday, Feb. 2.

The General Assembly of Illinois yesterday ratified the Constitutional Amendment abolishing slavery. The vote in the Senate stood 18 yeas against 6 nays, and in the House, 48 against 28. Five Democratic Senators voted aye.

Rejoicing in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Thursday, Feb. 2.

One hundred guns were fired at Columbus, Ohio, this evening, in honor of the passage of the Constitutional Amendment abolishing slavery.

Massachusetts Rejoicing over the Constitutional Amendment.

BOSTON, Thursday, Feb. 2.

National salutes were fired to-day in Boston and other cities; and there was also a general ringing of bells throughout the State in honor of the passage of the Constitutional Amendment abolishing slavery throughout the land.

A bill was presented in the House this afternoon, ratifying the Constitutional Amendment abolishing slavery, and after a debate it was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations. At the proper time it is presumed the bill will be adopted nearly unanimously.

The Michigan Legislature.

DETROIT, Mich., Thursday, Feb. 2.

The Constitutional Amendment abolishing slavery was ratified by the Legislature this morning.

Explosion of a Locomotive—Four Men Killed.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Feb. 2.

A locomotive exploded this morning on the North Pennsylvania Railroad, near Hatfield, Montgomery County. Four men were instantly killed.

The Five Per Cent. Legal Tenders.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Feb. 2.

It is announced that the five per cent. Legal Tender notes will be received by the General Subscription Agent in payment of subscriptions to the new seven-thirty loan, with all accrued interest to date of receipt.

A Distinguished Visitor.

HALIFAX, Thursday, Feb. 2.

Among the passengers from Halifax by the *Africa* is Major-Gen. HASTINGS DOYLE, who is on a short visit to Washington and other cities.

Marine Disaster.

PROVINCETOWN, Thursday, Feb. 2.

The British schooner *Edith*, from Cornwallis for New-York, with a cargo of potatoes, came ashore on Race Point last night. The vessel was uninjured. The cargo will be sold at once, as the weather is very severe.

Fire in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Thursday, Feb. 2.

The tobacco warehouse of VANETTA, FRIEDMAN & Co., was destroyed by fire last night. Loss on stock, $160,000; insurance, $60,000. Loss on buildings, $30,000; fully insured.

Prize Fight—Great Haul of Captives.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Feb. 2.

A prize-fight came off this (Thursday) morning near Wilmington, Del., between WARD and FARRELL. WARD was badly whipped.

The military surrounded the party, arrested 150, marched them six miles, and handed them over to the civil authorities.

Fire at Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, Penn., Thursday, Feb. 2.

A fire occurred this morning in the Ninth Ward, destroying the patent-leather factory of J. Y. MCLAUGHLIN, the rolling-mill of RIEGGRAFT & DULL, and the oil factory of WEISENBERGER, FISHER & Co. The loss is about $50,000, which is mostly insured.

Extensive Fire—Paper-Mill Burned.

LEE, Mass., Thursday, Feb. 2.

A very large paper-mill, belonging to ELIZUR SMITH, was burned at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

THE WESTCHESTER BURGLARIES.—In the published account of the arrest of a large gang of burglars last week in Westchester County, the name of JOHN MULLER was given as one of the parties arrested on a warrant issued by Justice MEEKS. Mr. MEEKS desires us to say that JOHN MULLER has never been arrested on any charge whatever, nor has any warrant for his arrest been issued by said Justice.

Invisible Gas.

To the Editor of the New-York Times

Who is responsible for the large gas bills? is a question often asked. I will relate a little incident I have just witnessed. In my office on the Battery (the County Volunteer Rooms) the gas has during the last month been introduced, why, nobody knows, as it is never used. This morning the measurer came and examined the meter. The Superintendent of the building asked, for curiosity sake, how much gas had been used. He was answered, "Eight hundred feet." Now, I am willing, if necessary, to swear, and everybody connected with the Battery mustering office is willing to swear, that the gas has not been lighted since it was put into the building, excepting once for trial for about three minutes, and that by the gas-fitters.

Who has used the eight hundred feet of gas that the county has thus to pay for? or who is responsible for the correctness of the meter?

This is a matter in which I personally am not interested, but the morals of the gas company, or of the gas-fitters, are, I am afraid, rather questionable, if such things occur everywhere as well as here.

C. M. P.

CASTLE GARDEN MUSTERING OFFICE, Feb. 1, 1865.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Chamber of Commerce.

TAXATION OF MERCHANDISE RECOMMENDED—THE GREAT SHIP CANAL—STEAMSHIP LINE BETWEEN CALIFORNIA AND CHINA—THE BANKRUPTCY LAW—THE RECIPROCITY TREATY—PRESENTATION OF A PORTRAIT.

The regular monthly meeting of the New-York Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday, at one o'clock P. M., Mr. A. A. LOW in the Chair. The following gentlemen were balloted for and duly elected members of the Chamber: Henry E. Morris, Frederick Kuhne, John Linnemann, Thomas Christy, William H. Wessner, John Faulkner, Louis J. Belloni, John A. Stewart, Cornelius F. Thompson, William Morgan, Edward A. Quintard, John Morris White, Charles S. Smith, James D. Smith, William J. Sheldon.

Mr. GEORGE W. LANE was reëlected a member of the Arbitration Committee.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee then read a report recommending taxation on all merchandise, as the best mode of raising revenue; favoring a ship canal from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario, around Niagara Falls; and recommending that naval vessels, not required for home service, should be employed abroad in carrying mails.

The report in regard to the Niagara Ship Canal expressed the opinion that the work is "required as a wise and necessary provision for the yearly expanding volume of trade setting from East to West and from West to East," and that they regard "it as a work of national interest, and demanded by a national necessity," and closed by submitting the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Chamber is impressed with the great importance of uniting, at an early day, by an American Ship Canal, the great lakes of Erie and Ontario, regarding it as a work of national interest, and demanded by a national necessity.

Before the passage of this resolution Mr. SAMUEL B. RUGGLES said that he deemed it due to the city and to the State to move that the following explanatory declaration should be added to the resolution by way of amendment:

"But the Chamber nevertheless feel bound to express their opinion, that the proposed ship canal, while it will cheapen the transit of the products of the West to the ocean, may so far divert its trade from the State of New-York, as to render it necessary for the State to enlarge, without delay, the Erie and the Oswego canals, to a capacity adequate to meet that diversion."

Mr. RUGGLES accompanied his proposition by remarks, in which he fully recognized and admitted the national importance in its broadest bearings of the proposed Ship Canal, as a cheap avenue to Europe for the food of America, but contended that no thoughtful man in the Chamber could possibly close his eyes upon the fact, that the immense products of the West once afloat on Lake Ontario in vessels of adequate size would be in great danger of diversion to the seaboard through Canadian channels, unless adequate channels should be provided for restoring it to the canals of New-York, and that the passage of the Ship Canal bill ought to be followed at once, by the most active and vigorous measures to enlarge the Erie and Oswego Canals the dimensions so plainly necessary.

This proposition gave rise to an animated debate, in which several of the members, acknowledging the importance of the proposition, nevertheless contended that it should not be appended as an amendment to the resolution of the committee, as transmitted to Congress, but might be subsequently moved as an independent measure. A motion was accordingly made to lay it on the table, which prevailed, and the original resolution was then unanimously adopted.

Mr. WALTER S. GRIFFITH, in behalf of the Committee on Arbitration, presented a report on the communication of the Boston Board of Trade, relative to the Bankruptcy Bill now before Congress. The report stated that the Southern States were largely in debt to the merchants of New-York, and the Chamber, as representing their interest, could not view without concern the enactment or postponement of legislation having reference to the sequestration of property for the purpose of discharging such indebtedness.

The report was accepted.

The report of the Committee on the Reciprocity Treaty next came up, but was laid on the table until the next regular meeting of the board.

The Committee on the Savannah Relief reported that the sum $35,681 60 had been raised.

The Kearsarge Committee reported that $20,000 had been subscribed, and that a more compie report would be made at another meeting.

The members of the Committee on the Battery Extension, Piers and Wharves, being nearly all absent, it was decided that a special meeting should be held on next Thursday, to receive the report of the committee and take action thereon.

Mr. JOHN A. STEVENS, the Secretary of the Board, then uncovered a portrait of Mr. JOHN ALSOP, the first President of the Chamber of Commerce, and read the following letter:

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK, February 3, 1865.

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor, on behalf of the gentlemen whose names are annexed, to tender, for the acceptance of the Chamber, the accompanying portrait of Mr. JOHN ALSOP, its first President, after the the organization and charter by the State in 1784. This portrait is a copy, by Mr. THOMAS HICKS, one of the best American artists, from an original by an unknown hand, in the possession of Hon. JOHN ALSOP KING, a grandson of JOHN ALSOP by the maternal side.

JOHN ALSOP was one of the twenty-four gentlemen who, on the 5th day of April, 1768, convened in this then colonial city, and founded the institute entitled the Chamber of Commerce of New-York. He was also one of the incorporators named in the charter granted by Lieut.-Gov. COLDEN, on the 13th of March, 1770. He was Treasurer of the Chamber from 1772 to 1774, and Vice-President in 1774 and 1775. He was a delegate, with PHILIP LIVINGSTON and ISAAC LOW, (also a member of this corporation,) and with JAMES DUANE and JOHN JAY, to the Congress of Philadelphia, in 1784.

After the Declaration of Independence, in 1775, he abandoned his property and business in the city, and retired to Connecticut, where he remained until the evacuation of the City of New-York by the British, in 1783. In April, 1784, he united with the petition to the Legislature of the State for a new charter, which resulted in the reincorporation of the Chamber as a State institution, under its present title, of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New-York. He was elected President in that year—a just tribute to his fidelity to the cause of his country, and to the personal sacrifices which had marked his course during the long and trying struggle of the Revolution.

In 1785 he declined a reëlection, owing to ill-health and advanced years, and withdrew from active connection with the deliberations of the chamber. He died in 1795 beloved by his many friends, universally respected and deeply regretted by by the mercantile community, to whose interests he had always been an able advocate, representative and friend.

Mr. ALSOP left but one child, a daughter, who was married to Hon. RUFUS KING. Of their issue, Hon. JAMES ALSOP KING is known to every one in this community as an honorable citizen. Another is Hon. CHARLES KING, an honorary member of this chamber, to whose graceful pen it owes the only record of its history.

I have thought it this bride to recapitulate and recall to mind the services of Mr. ALSOP, that the chamber might, in accepting this portrait and placing it on their walls, feel it an honor, not alone to the memory of their former President, but to themselves.

I am, with great respect, your most obedient servant,

JOHN AUSTIN STEVENS,
Secretary Chamber of Commerce of the State of New-York.

The Secretary mentioned several other communications of a less important character, which had been received. These were put on file and the board adjourned.

American Geographical and Statistical Society.

INTERESTING PARTICULARS OF THE COMING CENSUS.

A meeting of the American Geographical and Statistical Society was held at its rooms last evening, Hon. CHARLES P. DALY in the Chair. After some routine business, a letter was read from Hon. CHARLES F. ADAMS, the American Minister to England, and a map exhibited, which he presented to the society. The map is known as "Mitchell's Map," was made in 1755, and is the only one of the kind in this country. It is the one upon which the boundary question between the United States and Great Britain was settled. After some further business, the President introduced Mr. F. B. HOUGH, Superintendent of the State Census of 1855, who read a historical sketch of the census in New-York, and a statement of the plan of the census to be taken in this State during the present year. He commenced with a review of the census in colonial times, mentioned the alterations and improvements made since, the introduction of Agricultural Statistics in 1821, the great improvement made in 1850 of giving the name of each person; said that in 1855 the State had adopted the Federal system of taking the census, with additional columns for the material and value of dwellings. The census was then arranged by the Secretary of State and Marshals appointed by him to the number of 1,744, it being the intention to appoint one to each election district. That law is still in existence, and that will be the basis of the coming census, except that large election districts will be subdivided. Each enumerator in the country will have a population of about 2,000 persons, and in the city about 3,000. To do this it will be necessary to appoint about 2,500 enumerators. The most serious obstacle which lies in the way of taking a full census, is, that by many it is believed to be in some way connected with military matters or with taxation. The only remedy for this is an official statement that it is required by the State law, under the constitution, and that it has no connection in any way with either of these matters; and in order to relieve the collectors of information from all, even seeming, connection with draft or taxation, they will be called Enumerators instead of Marshals. The principal improvements recommended in 1865 are as follows: The ages of persons under five years of age will be reported by months; the place of employment, if different from the residence of the family; a separate table of information concerning deaf, dumb, blind, idiots, &c., and all facts connected with them; an inquiry as to all who are now or have been in the army or navy, their original position, promotions and present positions, or if they have left the service, whether wounded, sick, or in what condition; the statistics of marriage, same as in 1855, except that the names of both parties will be given, and how the ceremony was performed, whether by a clergyman or by civil authorities; death statistics, same as in 1855, except to give name of party deceased; agricultural statistics same as in 1855, except that in each crop, the number of acres planted the previous year and now in crop, will be inquired into, and the yield of the present year; a special inquiry will be made regarding epidemics among domestic animals; the manufacturing statistics will be given the same as in 1855, except that particular blanks will be given for great manufacturers, and particular blanks will be given, also, for all institutions, orphan asylums, &c. At the conclusion of the lecture, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. HOUGH, and a request for a copy of the paper, to be deposited in the archives of the society, after which the meeting adjourned.

Soldier's Library.

The "Soldiers' and Sailors' Library" Committee of this city, have recently made a donation of a soldiers' library to the "New-York State Soldiers' Home and Depot," at No. 50 Howard-street, which is designed to constitute the nucleus of a larger collection for the more permanent "home" or "retreat" for disabled veterans, to be established at the close of the war. The present collection numbers one thousand volumes of some of the most entertaining and instructive works in the language, evidently selected with great care and every way adapted to the wants of the men, and must prove a real blessing to the soldier in his absence from home and friends. It appears that four thousand six hundred and ninety-two volumes have been drawn from the library, exclusively for the soldiers, during the half year ending Jan. 1, 1865. This shows that it has been greatly prized and is doing much good. The library is now open to the inspection of the public.

Internal Revenue.

The collections of Internal Revenue in this city during the month of January, as will be seen by the subjoined list, exceed $3,000,000:

Thirty-second Collection District—(First, Second and Fourth Wards)	$700,261 30
Fourth Collection District—(Third, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Wards)	543 922 01
Fifth District—(Seventh, Tenth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Wards)	110,583 52
Sixth District—(Ninth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth Wards)	155,892 40
Seventh District—(Eleventh and Seventeenth Wards)	130,808 85
Eighth District—(Eighteenth, Twentieth and Twenty-first Wards)	1,375,826 61
Ninth District—(Twelfth, Nineteenth and Twenty-second Wards)	197.381 66
Total	$3,214,676 35

The Quota and the Draft.

The following telegraphic dispatch was received by His Honor the Mayor, yesterday, from Senators BELL and ANDREWS, in relation to the quotas of the State under the recent call:

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2, 1865.

To Mayor Gunther:

The undersigned have obtained the President's approval to a proposition to defer twenty-five per cent. of the quota, as assigned to the various districts of our State under the order of Jan. 24, for future investigation. This relieves your city immediately of more than five thousand of the present call.

JAMES A. BELL.
GEORGE H. ANDREWS,
of the State Senate.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

KING'S COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS—THE $500,000 BOUNTY LOAN.—At a meeting of this body held yesterday afternoon, the special committee to whom was delegated the power to fix the time for the maturity of the bounty bonds based upon the loan of $500,000 heretofore authorized, submitted their report, to which was appended the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the time of payment of the loan of $500,000, authorized by the Board of Supervisors, Dec. 20, 1864, to MAY 1, 1875.

That the County Treasurer advertise in the Brooklyn and prominent New-York papers that proposals will be received for the above loan, on Wednesday, Feb. 8, the money for such portion of the loan as may be awarded to be paid into the County Treasury on or before Saturday, Feb. 11, at 1 P. M., interest to be allowed from the date of payment.

That it be referred to the Committee on Accounts and County Treasurer to accept or reject such bids as they may decide to be for the best interests of the county, and to superintend the preparation and issue of the bonds of the county for such portions of the loan as may be accepted, said bonds to be signed by the President and Clerk of this board, County Treasurer, and attested and recorded by the County Clerk.

The resolutions were adopted by 12 yeas to 7 nays. Mr. SCHOLES, in view of the fact that a large number of bounty certificates are held by individuals who have furnished substitutes, inquired of the Chairman of the Bounty Committee whether it was the intention of the board to authorize their redemption.

Mr. REGAN, the chairman, stated that it was the intention of the board to pay all these claims from funds, and intimated that the amount now outstanding on these certificates was about $250,000.

Mr. CROOKE (the President,) submitted a resolution to the effect that the Court-House Committee be requested to ascertain whether it would not subserve the public interests better by prohibiting the Superintendents of the Poor from opening their offices in the New Court-House, apartments having been assigned to them in the building for that purpose. He was apprehensive that the health of persons having business before the courts would be endangered by coming in contact with applicants for relief who might be suffering from infectious diseases. He thought another locality should be selected, where the health of the public would not be so much endangered. The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. HERMAN, a resolution was adopted directing the same committee to report a better plan for the relief of the poor than the mode now pursued for dispensing aid.

The board soon after adjourned.

SMALLPOX IN THE STREETS.—Officer HURD, of the Forty-fourth Precinct, discovered a female lying on the sidewalk in Myrtle-avenue, near Clinton-street, about 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening. She appeared to be very sick, and was evidently in great bodily pain. Going to her aid, he discovered that she was suffering from smallpox, the disease manifesting itself on the face and hands. Notwithstanding this fact, he conducted her to the station-house, and the Health Officer being sent for, he had her conveyed to the County Hospital. The name of the girl is AMELIA LAMBERT, and her age 15 years. She stated that she had been a domestic in the family of GEORGE SWAN, corner of Hamilton-avenue and Summit-street, and that as soon as they became aware that she had the small-pox, they turned her out of the house. She came to the City Hall, but the office of the Superintendent being closed, she could procure no relief there. Some person seeing her condition, directed her to the house of the Health Officer, in Adelphi-street. Becoming exhausted with the long walk—having already come a distance of over two miles—she fell down, helpless, and was discovered by the officer.

THE FUNERAL OF MR. MORRIS H. ROBERTS.—The funeral of Mr. MORRIS H. ROBERTS, one of the Superintendents of the Poor, who died of disease contracted while in the performance of his duties, took place from No. 273 Hudson-avenue yesterday afternoon. There was a large attendance of relatives and sympathizing friends, together with Fortitude Lodge, F. A. M., in full regalia, of which deceased had for years been a worthy member. The remains were interred in Greenwood Cemetery. The office of the Superintendents, which has been closed for several days in consequence of Mr. MORRIS' death, will be reopened to-day for business.

Evening Exchange.

$60,000	Am. Gold	204⅜	100	Ill. Cen. R.	115⅝
5,000	do.	204⅜	100	do. s3	116
15,000	do.	204⅜	900	Clev. & Pitts.	78
10,000	do.	204⅝	1000	Chi. & R. I. R.	80
10,000	do. s3	204⅝	100	do.	80
50,000	do.	204⅝	200	do.	90⅛
40,000	Ohio & M. C.	26¾	1300	do.	90⅛
600	N. Y. Cen. R.	103⅝	200	Chi. & N. W.	32⅛
300	do. s3	103⅝	100	do. s5	32⅛
500	do.	104	100	do. s3	32⅛
600	Erie Railway	68⅛	100	do.	32⅛
200	do.	68⅛	400	do.	32⅛
100	do.	69	100	do. s3	32⅛
100	do. s3	69	100	C. & N. W. Pr.	61⅜
600	Reading R.	104	500	do.	61⅜
200	do.	103⅜	200	do. s5	61⅜
200	do.	103⅜	300	do.	62
600	M. S. & N. I.	63⅜	100	do. s3	62
400	do.	63⅜	300	P., Ft. W. & C.	90⅛
200	do. s3	64	1000	do.	90⅜
100	do.	64⅛	400	do. s3	90⅜
600	do. s3	64⅛	100	Cumb. Coal	45
400	do. s3	63⅝			

Stocks and Gold firm. Gold sold after the call as high as 205⅞; at close of report stood at 205¾.

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Passengers Arrived.

FEB. 2—*In steamship United Kingdom, from Glasgow*—Mrs. James and family, A. Barron, George Johnson, Wm. Bathurst, F. F. Henry.

In steamship Rebecca Clyde, from Savannah—Messrs. Chittenden, Hatch, Fisk, Lathrop, Babcock, Baxter, Cummings, Low and Grinnell, Mrs. Adams and child.

MINIATURE ALMANAC—THIS DAY.

Sun rises..... 7 08 | Sun sets..... 5 20 | Moon sets.. 1 00

HIGH WATER—THIS DAY.

Sandy Hook. 1 01 | Gov. Island.. 1 50 | Hell Gate.. 3 12

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK....THURSDAY, Feb. 2.

Cleared.

Steamship Illinois, Bartow, Hilton Head.

Steamers E. C. Knight, Gallagher, Philadelphia, W. J. Taylor & Co.; Kingfisher, Reeder, Baltimore.

Ships Yorktown, Driver, London, Grinnell, Minturn & Co.; Uncowah, Rudolph, Shanghai, Wakeman, Gookin & Co.

Brigs Wanderer, (Br.,) Anderson, Matamoras, H. J. & C. A. Wolf; Forrester, ——, Vienna, Md., Holyoke & Murray; Calhariss, (Br.,) Pullman, Matamoras, C. H. Trumbull; Brisk, (Br.,) Kohl, Cienfuegos, Fowler & Jova; Conquest, (Br.,) Redding, Matamoras, Wagstaff & Smith; A. Bradshaw, Fish, Minatitlan, via Vera Cruz, B. F. Small & Co.

Schooners Frederick, (Br.,) Howe, Matamoras; Rose Sherrit, Dyer, York River, Crowell & Paine; Laura Pride, Benson, St. Kitts, Jones & Lough; C. M. Reynolds, Dick, Arroyo, Jed Frye & Co.

Sloop Lady Washington, Coyle, New-Haven, M. Briggs & Co.

Arrived.

Steamship United Kingdom, (Br.,) Campbell, Glasgow Dec. 28, via Portland Jan. 30, with mdse. and 56 passengers to Francis McDonald.

Steamship Rebecca Clyde, Willetts, Savannah Jan. 29, via Hatteras Inlet the 31st, with cotton to Simeon Draper.

Bark Topeka, (of Nassau,) Sundberg, Havana Jan. 16, with sugar and tobacco to J. E. Ward & Co. Has been 10 ds. N. of Hatteras with N. and N. W. winds and very cold weather.

Bark J. & R. Young, (of Yarmouth, N. S.,) Richan, Antwerp Nov. 11, with mdse. and 71 passengers to Boyd & Hincken. Had heavy westerly gales the whole passage; lost and split sails, etc.

Bark Princess, (of Sydney, C. B.,) Ryan, Boston 10 ds., with mdse. to C. B. Swain. Came to this port to finish loading for Buenos Ayres.

Bark Lochiel, (Br.,) Granham, Boston, in ballast to F. E. Bradshaw. Is to load for Buenos Ayres.

Brig Atalanta, (Dan.,) Beebee, Pernambuco Dec. 15, with sugar, etc., to H. H. Swift & Co. Since reaching the Gulf Stream had very heavy weather; received some slight damage to sails and spars. Jan. 14, at 2 A. M., lat. 38, lon. 70 35, spoke schr. Minnehaha, from Baltimore for Cuba; had lost all her sails, and had one side of the house stove in.

Brig Argo, (of London,) Hasaloop, Antwerp 52 ds., with mdse. and 41 passengers to order. Jan 14, lat. 34 30, lon. 64 51, spoke schr. Mogul, of Nineteath, from Boston for Havana, who reported having lost deck-load. The A. has had heavy westerly winds; lost passengers' galley, etc.

Brig La Cayenne, (of Turks Island,) Doherty, Aux Cayes 24 ds., with logwood to Wilson & Cammann. Had strong northerly winds through the passages; been 11 ds. N. of Cape Henry, with strong N. W. gales since 23d.

Brig Thames, (Br.,) Corbett, Cornwallis, N. S., 20 ds., with potatoes to Duryea & Hyde.

Brig Ruby, (Br.,) Angus, Horton, N. S., 30 ds., with potatoes to G